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Bribery case: Audio clip of BJP MLA goes viral

KALABURAGI

BJP leader and MLA for Kanakagiri in Koppal district Basavaraj Dhadesugur's name surfaced in the PSI recruitment scam after an audio clip of his purported telephonic conversation with the father of an aspirant went viral on Monday.

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One lakh pledge eyes after Puneeth's death

BENGALURU

Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar's eye donation not just gave the gift of sight to four people, but also boosted eye donation. Narayana Nethralaya that runs the Dr. Rajkumar Eye Bank has recorded a huge spike in donations since Mr. Puneeth's eye donation on October 29.

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ISRO, ASA to boost bilateral collaborations

BENGALURU

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Australian Space Agency (ASA) have decided to intensify their interactions with a view to developing and growing space technology markets for both India and Australia.

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Rain batters IT parks, arterial roads in city

Six flights diverted to Chennai; tech workers offered WFH

Flood havoc: Officials rescue people as the Halanayakanahalli lake breached in Bengaluru. • K. MURALI KUMAR

KARNATAKA BUREAU
BENGALURU

More spells of heavy rain on Sunday night and Monday evening brought Bengaluru to its knees as roads were inundated and rainwater entered homes.

Several flights were diverted, buses and other vehicles stranded, schools shut and boats deployed for rescue.

While the downpour was more widespread, affecting more than just the low-level areas, civic authorities said the monsoon this year yielded the second highest rainfall in the city since 1971.

Even information technology parks in parts of the city were flooded, including Manyata Tech Park in Hebbal, Eco Space in Bellandur and Prestige Tech Park in Marathahalli.

Rainwater entered Wipro's office in the Sarjapur area, entirely flooding the premises after a lake nearby overflowed. The Outer Ring Road Companies Association has instructed tech and bank workers employed by various enterprises in the area to work from home for the whole of the week.

Six flights, including two international ones, heading to Bengaluru from various destinations were diverted to Chennai.

The airport received 109 mm of rainfall between 11.30 p.m and 4 a.m. on Monday.

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Soren wins trust vote in Jharkhand Assembly, BJP MLAs walk out of House

Opposition says Jharkhand CM moved the motion to escape from grave charges

AMARNATH TEWARY
PATNA

The United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government in Jharkhand led by Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Monday won the trust vote in the 81-member Assembly, with 48 members voting in support of the ruling coalition. The Opposition staged a walkout.

It was for the first time that a ruling coalition government in Jharkhand had moved a confidence motion to prove its majority in the House.

With Mr. Soren winning the trust vote, the political stalemate that had prevailed in Jharkhand appears to have drawn to a close.

During the debate over the confidence motion, the Chief Minister slammed the BJP, saying, "It [the BJP] only does power politics and Hindu-Muslim politics, but I am the son of Shibu Soren and I will not be cowed down."

"The BJP is a party of businessmen, and they were trying to buy our MLAs, threatened the ruling party legislators, but could not succeed," he noted. "People purchase commodities in the market, but the BJP buys legislators."

"In the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the BJP will be wiped out as the people of the country will give them a befitting reply," Mr. Soren said.

Litmus test: Chief Minister Hemant Soren and MLAs belonging to the ruling United Progressive Alliance after winning the floor test in the Assembly in Ranchi on Monday. • PTI

Opposition protest

The MLAs of the BJP and the All Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU), along with two Independent legislators, walked out of the House during the voting but participated in the debate over the confidence motion. They trooped into the Well, protesting against the motion.

"It is to escape from the grave charges made against him that Chief Minister Hemant Soren had brought in the confidence motion in the House," AJSU president Sudesh Mahto told presspersons.

"There have been incidents of rape, murder and loot in the State but the ruling party MLAs were busy enjoying a luxurious life in a resort. They have brought the confidence motion out of fear and nothing else," BJP MLA Neelkanth Singh Munda said.

On Sunday evening, over 31 UPA MLAs, who were staying at a resort in Raipur in Chhattisgarh since August 30, returned to Ranchi to vote in favour of the confidence motion. They were lodged at the Ranchi Circuit House and brought to the State Assembly on Monday in a bus.

Amid fear of poaching by the BJP, UPA MLAs on August 27 had stayed at the guest house near Latratu Dam in Khunti district for the day.

The Speaker, Rabindra Nath Mahto, later announced that 48 members had voted for the ruling UPA government. The Speaker subsequently adjourned the House *sine die*.

Days of uncertainty

The suspense over Mr. Soren's disqualification from membership of the State Assembly, and his government's alleged fall in connection with office-of-profit charges made against him by the BJP, started on February 10 this year, when former Chief Minister and senior State BJP leader Raghuvar Das had raised a complaint with Governor Ramesh Bais. The very next day, the BJP demanded Mr. Soren's disqualification for securing the lease of a stone mine in his name while being the State's Minister for Mines in 2021.

The Governor later forwarded the BJP's complaint to the Election Commission of India (ECI) for action.

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Truss wins Conservative race to be U.K.'s next PM

She beats Indian-origin Rishi Sunak for the top post

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

Announcing the results of the intra-party contest for the leadership of the party and the job at No. 10 Downing Street, the U.K's Conservative party said that British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss would be the country's next Prime Minister and the leader of the party. Ms. Truss won a vote share of 57% or 81,326 votes versus former Chancellor Rishi Sunak's 42% or 60,399 votes with 82% of Conservative members voting.

With Monday's announcement, Ms. Truss is set to become Britain's 56th Prime Minister and the third woman to hold the position. She will travel to Balmoral Castle, Scotland, on Tuesday, where she will be invited by Queen Elizabeth II to form a new government.

Level up: Liz Truss will be Britain's 56th Prime Minister and the third woman to hold the position. • GETTY IMAGES

In her victory speech at the Conservative gathering at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in London, Ms. Truss thanked the Conservative Party functionaries for the "longest job interview in history" – the contest began in July after the resignation of several Ministers in Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Cabinet, including Mr. Sunak.

The incoming Prime Minister thanked Mr. Sunak as well as – in hyperbolic terms – Mr. Johnson, in whose Cabinet she remained – a factor that possibly contributed to her popularity against Mr. Sunak.

Words for Boris

"Boris, you got Brexit done, you crushed [former Labour Party leader] Jeremy Corbyn, you rolled out the vaccine, and you stood up to Vladimir Putin. You are admired from Kyiv to Carlisle," she said. Ms. Truss will inherit a burgeoning list of problems on Tuesday.

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Pakistan takes back body of infiltrator

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

In a rare instance, Pakistan on Monday accepted the body of an infiltrator from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), who died on Saturday after being captured alive near the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district on August 21.

The body of Tabarak Hussain, who was injured while attempting to launch a *fidayeen* (suicide attack) on an Army frontier post in Rajouri, was handed over to Pakistan at the Chakkan-Da-Bagh crossing-point in the Poonch area of the Pir Panjal Valley, an official said.

Hussain was injured in Army firing while he was infiltrating from the Nowshera Sector. Officials said he died after a heart attack in the Military Hospital in Rajouri on September 3.

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CET-2022 rank list: Govt. to challenge High Court order

'Decision has been taken to protect the interests of II PU-2022 students'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The government is going to challenge the Karnataka High Court order of Saturday on the CET-2022 rank list.

Sources said the decision had been taken to protect the interests of II PU-2022 students, as redoing the rank list as per the single judge order would adversely affect their ranks.

Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan discussed the issue with department officials and legal experts on Monday.

C.N. Ashwath Narayan

Speaking later, the Minister said: "This year's students will be unfairly treated by the High Court's decision to release the rank list considering the II PU marks of 24,000 candidates who have written CET this year after passing PU in 2020-21. Therefore, it will be challenged in court."

"The government will decide whether to file a review petition before the single judge who passed the order on Saturday or to file an appeal before a Division Bench. If the High Court order is followed, around 1.5 lakh students who have written CET for the first time this year will suffer and the rank list will change a lot. Those who have approached the court are stuck on some technical point. They should have properly understood the decision taken in the wake of COVID-19 last year," Dr. Ashwath Narayan said.

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Lingayat seer in Belagavi found dead

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BELAGAVI

The seer of a Lingayat Mutt was found dead in his quarters at the mutt at Neginhal village, near Bailhongal in Belagavi district on Monday morning.

Basava Siddalinga Swami, 28, of Guru Madiwaleshwar Mutt was found dead by devotees.

In an informal discussion with his followers recently, the seer had expressed displeasure at his life. He was upset that his name had appeared in an audio clip in which two women had spoken about the character of some seers and their alleged illicit relationships.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Innovation in teaching

46 The number of teachers to receive the National Teachers Award this year, on the occasion of Teacher's Day. Maths rangoli to teach shapes, elements of the periodic table as role numbers, introducing "bag-less days" and "no punishment to students" are among the innovative teaching-learning practices adopted by these teachers. For instance, in GMS Officers Hill, Nagaland, 80% of students were domestic helpers and hence head teacher Mimi Yhoshii conducts classes for them after school hours to reduce the drop-out rate. PTI

EU aids Ukraine

500 In € million, the additional aid to be released by the European Union to war-torn Ukraine, this time to support housing, education and agriculture. The European Commission announced the package as senior officials hosted a meeting in Brussels of the EU-Ukraine Association Council with Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmygal. In addition to the latest slice of aid, Ukraine will also be able to apply to the EU digital economy fund to develop high-tech training and industry. PTI

Service sector growth

57.2 The service sector activity in August, according to seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index. The services sector activity witnessed a sharp upturn in August, from July's four-month low of 55.5. While overall new orders increased for service firms sharply from July, transport, information and communication reported a faster spurt in new business volumes as well as output, with finance and insurance outperforming all other sub-sectors. PTI

Measles outbreak

698 The death toll among children from a measles outbreak that started in April in Zimbabwe, according to the country's Health Ministry. Some are calling for the enactment of legislation to make vaccination mandatory in a country where anti-modern religious sects hold sway on a large part of the population, who are unvaccinated due to religious beliefs. The Ministry said that 37 of the deaths occurred on a single day on September 1. The Health Ministry said it had recorded 6,291 cases by September 4. AP

English Prime Ministers

15 The number of Prime Ministers who were elected in England, during the 70-year reign of the head of state Queen Elizabeth II. Liz Truss, who won the Conservative party leadership election on Monday, will become the 15th U.K. Prime Minister during the Queen's reign. The monarch will ask Ms. Truss to form a government on Tuesday, once Boris Johnson has formally tendered his resignation. The queen came to the throne in 1952, when Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister. Of all the occupants of 10 Downing Street, 13 were men. AFP

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EXPLAINER

Seat belts, head restraints and safety regulations

What are the functions of seat belts and head restraints? Is India implementing its mandatory seat belt policy?

THE GIST

- The death of Cyrus P. Mistry, former Chairman of Tata Sons, in a car crash in Maharashtra's Palghar district has turned the focus on whether compulsory use of seat belts in cars — including by passengers in the rear seat — can save lives during such accidents.
- The seat belt performs many functions, notably slowing the occupant at the same rate as the vehicle, distributing the physical force in a crash across the stronger parts of the body such as the pelvis and chest, preventing collisions with objects within the vehicle and sudden ejection.
- The Road Transport Ministry said that during 2017, a shocking 26,896 people lost their lives due to non-use of seat belts with 16,876 of them being passengers.

G. ANANTHAKRISHNAN

The story so far: The death of Cyrus P. Mistry, former Chairman of Tata Sons, in a car crash in Maharashtra's Palghar district on September 4 has turned the focus on whether compulsory use of seat belts in cars – including by passengers in the rear seat – can save lives during such accidents. Media reports cited police sources to say that Mistry and a co-passenger, Jahangir Pandole, who was also killed in the mishap, were not wearing seat belts. Although a full investigation has to follow, authorities said preliminary findings showed the car was moving at high speed, covering about 20 km in nine minutes from the last check post where it was recorded by CCTV.

How is a seat belt a life saver?

The focus in the aftermath is on the seat belt. The three-point seat belt engineered by Nils Evar Bohlin, a passive safety device first incorporated into a car by Volvo in 1959, and now standard in cars sold in India, is a low cost restraint system that prevents occupants of a vehicle from being thrown forward in a crash. In the U.S, unrestrained drivers and passengers represented 48% of all deaths in vehicle crashes during 2016, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In a car crash, particularly at moderate to high speeds, the driver or passenger who has no seat belt continues to move forward at the speed of the vehicle, until some object stops the occupant. This could be the steering wheel, dashboard or windscreen for those in front, and the front seat, dashboard or windscreen for those in the rear. The Centre for Road Safety at the Transport Department of New South Wales, Australia (NSW Centre), which has had a compulsory seat belt rule since 1971 explains that "even if the vehicle is fitted with an airbag, the force at which an unrestrained occupant strikes the airbag can cause serious injuries."

Without an airbag, and no seat belt restraint, a severe crash leads to the occupant of the rear seat striking the seat in front with such force that "it is sufficient for the seat mountings and seat structures to fail," says the NSW Centre. The seat belt performs many functions, notably slowing the occupant at the same rate as the vehicle, distributing the physical force in a crash across the stronger parts of the body such as the pelvis and chest, preventing collisions with objects within the vehicle and sudden ejection. Newer technologies to "pretension" the belt, sense sudden pull forces and apply only as much force as is necessary to safely hit the airbags. Absence of seat belts could lead to rear seat occupants colliding with internal objects in the car, or even being ejected through the front windscreen during the collision.

What role do head restraints play?

Head restraints, which are found either as adjustable models or moulded into the seats, prevent a whiplash injury. This type of injury occurs mostly when the vehicle is struck from behind, leading to sudden extreme movement of the neck backwards and then forwards. It could also happen vice versa in other circumstances. The injury involves the muscles, vertebral discs, nerves and tendons of the neck, says Johns Hopkins Medicine, and is manifested as neck stiffness, pain, numbness, ringing in the ears, blurred vision and sleeplessness among others.

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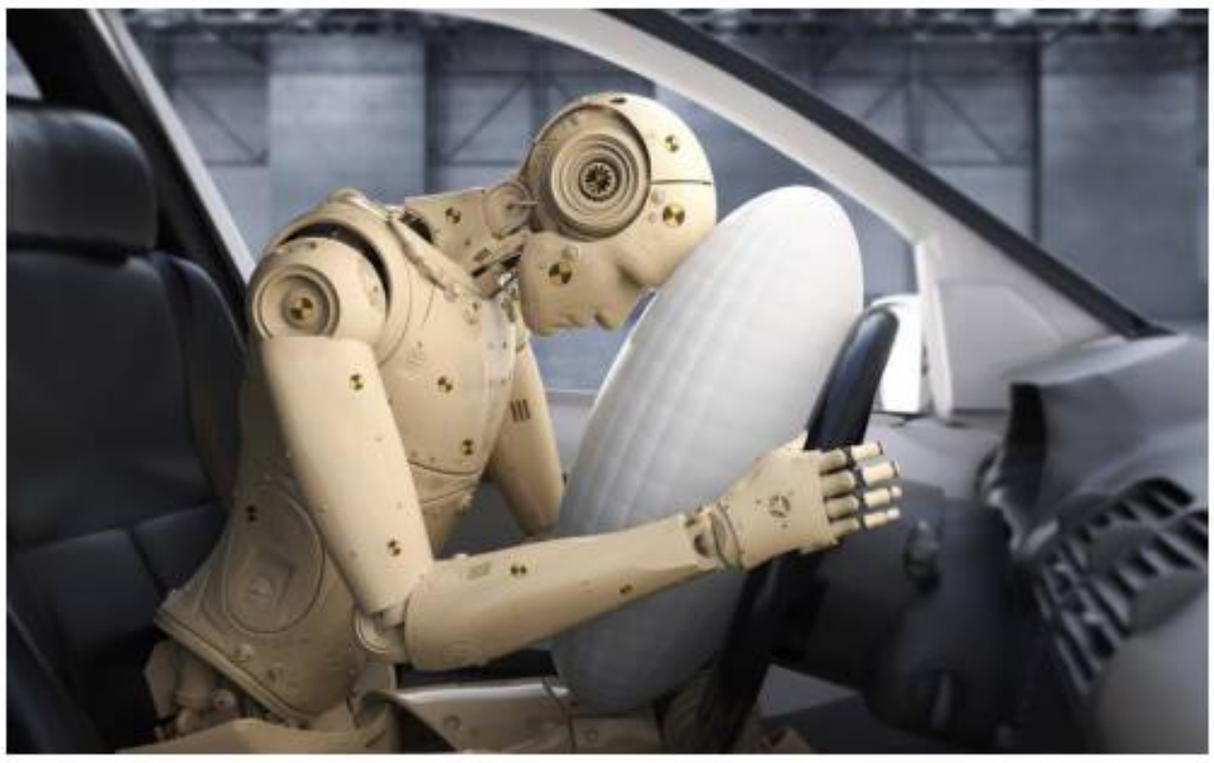
The head restraint built into the seat must be properly placed and aligned with the neck, to prevent the injury in a vehicle accident. A study done by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) in the U.S. estimated that claims for neck injuries were lower by 11% when the seats and restraints were rated good by it, compared to those rated poor. The ratings system has resulted in newer models, since 2015, almost fully getting a good rating.

How does India regulate and enforce safety?

On February 11, 2022, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways issued a draft notification providing for three-point seat belts to be provided in all vehicles coming under the M1 category, that is, for carriage of passengers comprising not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat, for vehicles manufactured from October 1. Also, it stipulated relevant Indian Standards to be followed by the manufacturers for both seat belts and reminder systems alerting occupants to wear them.



What stands out is that the amended Motor Vehicles Act of 2019 already requires the occupants of a passenger vehicle to wear a seat belt. As per Section 194(B) of the Act, whoever drives a motor vehicle without wearing a safety belt or carries passengers not wearing seat belts shall be punishable with a fine of one thousand rupees.

Evidently, although cars are equipped with seat belts, the enforcement for rear seat occupants is virtually absent in India. U.S. research findings published in the Journal of Safety Research by Laurie F. Beck and colleagues show that seat belt use was low in states with weak laws or no laws at all, and riders of taxi services are high risk groups. The IIHS study found that rear seat passengers who did not buckle up were eight times more likely to suffer serious injuries than those who did.

The toll from non-compliance in India is high, as taxicabs often have missing seat belts. In one of the few questions on the subject asked in Parliament, the Road Transport Ministry said, during 2017, a shocking "26,896 people lost their lives due to non-use of seat belts and 16,876 of them were passengers. No specific data with regard to loss of lives due to non-usage of seat belts by rear seat passengers is available with the Ministry," it added.

In the aftermath of the accident in which Cyrus Mistry died, there have been suggestions that automotive technology should bring about compliance by making it impossible to operate the vehicle if seat belts are not fastened. As of July, the European Union's General Safety Regulation requires new vehicles to incorporate advanced emergency braking technology that launches automatically when a collision is imminent, and intelligent speed assistance to reduce speed suitably besides accident event recorders, all of which are relevant to the Palghar crash. Making high quality dash cameras standard in cars could be a start to help record accidents and establish the cause.

EXPLAINER

The ban on conversion therapy for the LGBTQIA+ community

What is the National Medical Commission directive to State Medical Councils? Why is the therapy considered to be dangerous?

THE GIST

- The National Medical Commission (NMC) has written to all State Medical Councils, banning conversion therapy and calling it a "professional misconduct".
- In 2021, Justice N. Anand Venkatesh of the Madras High Court issued a slew of interim guidelines for the police, activists, Union and State Social Welfare Ministries, and the National Medical Commission, regarding the LGBTQIA+ community, to "ensure their safety and security to lead a life chosen by them."
- Parents too need to be sensitised, because the first point of abuse often begins at home, with teenagers being forced to opt for "conversion" therapies.

SUDIPTA DATTA

The story so far: The National Medical Commission (NMC), the apex regulatory body of medical professionals in India, has written to all State Medical Councils, banning conversion therapy and calling it a "professional misconduct". In a letter dated August 25, it also empowered the State bodies to take disciplinary action against medical professionals who breach the guideline. The letter said the NMC was following a Madras High Court directive to issue an official notification listing conversion therapy as a wrong, under the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquettes and Ethics) Regulations, 2002.

What is conversion therapy? What are the risks?

Conversion or reparative therapy is an intervention aimed at changing the sexual orientation or gender identity of an individual with the use of either psychiatric treatment, drugs, exorcism and even violence, with the aim being to make the individual a heterosexual. The conversion therapy umbrella also includes efforts to change the core identity of youth whose gender identity is incongruent with their sex anatomy. Often, the therapy is offered by quacks with little expertise in dealing with the issue. According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), the interventions under conversion therapy are provided under the false premise that homosexuality and diverse gender identities are pathological. "They are not; the absence of pathology means there is no need for conversion or any other like intervention." Further, according to AACAP and other health experts, conversion therapy poses the risk of causing or exacerbating mental health conditions, like anxiety, stress and drug use which sometimes even lead to suicide.

What is the role of the Madras High Court in the ban?

On June 7, 2021, Justice N. Anand Venkatesh of the Madras High Court gave a landmark ruling on a case he was hearing about the ordeal of a same-sex couple who sought police protection from their parents. Pending adequate legislation more protective of the community, Justice Venkatesh issued a slew of interim guidelines for the police,

activists, Union and State Social Welfare Ministries, and the National Medical Commission to "ensure their safety and security to lead a life chosen by them." The ruling prohibited any attempt to medically "cure" or change the sexual orientation of LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual or of any other orientation) people. It urged the authorities to take action against "professional[s] involving themselves in any form or method of conversion therapy," which could include the withdrawal of licence to practice medicine. On July 8, 2022, the court gave an order to the National Medical Commission directing it to "issue necessary official notification by enlisting 'Conversion Therapy' as a professional misconduct." The NMC issued the directive to State Medical Councils on August 25.

What were some of the other guidelines issued by the court?

In its 2021 verdict, the Madras High Court directed the police, for example, to close complaints of missing persons' cases, "without subjecting them to harassment", if it found on investigation that the parties were consenting adults belonging to the LGBTQIA+ community. The court asked the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to draw up a list of NGOs and other groups which could handle the issues faced by the community, and gave it a time of eight weeks from the date of the order. This March, the court pulled up the Ministry for failing to compile a comprehensive list. The court said the community should be provided with legal assistance by the District Legal Services Authority in coordination with law enforcement agencies. Asking agencies to follow the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020, and the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, in letter and spirit, the court said it was imperative to hold sensitisation programmes for an all-out effort to understand the community and its needs.

How can schools, colleges and medical professionals help?

Experts say schools and colleges must effect changes in curricula for a better understanding of the community. As late as 2018, medical books listed homosexuality and lesbianism as a "perversion". People of a different sexual orientation or gender identity often narrate harrowing tales of bullying, discrimination, stigma and ostracisation. Gender-neutral restrooms should be compulsory in educational institutes and other places. Parents too need to be sensitised, because the first point of misunderstanding and abuse often begins at home, with teenagers being forced to opt for "conversion" therapies. Health professionals point out that even adults opting for sex reassignment surgeries need to get proper guidance like therapy pre and post operation; for an ordinary citizen, the cost too can be prohibitive.

Another spell of heavy rain on Sunday night and Monday evening brought the city to its knees. While the downpour was more widespread, civic authorities said **the monsoon rain received this year is the second highest in the city since 1971**. Flights were diverted, buses and other vehicles broke down, schools were shut, and boats were pressed into service

Major roads, residential areas flooded yet again

A general view showing flooding in Bellandur. •REUTERS

The Outer Ring Road after heavy rains. •K. MURALI KUMAR

Rescuers try to pull out a car from the flooded Rainbow Drive Layout at Sarjapur. •PTI

The flooded Sai Layout on Monday. •SUDHAKARA JAIN

Rain again exposes chinks in city infrastructure

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B.P.
BENGALURU

Heavy overnight rains on Sunday exposed the chinks in the civic infrastructure again, as familiar scenes of major arterial roads facing flood-like situations repeated on Monday, throwing life out of gear for the second time in a week.

This time, not just the Outer Ring Road (ORR), Bellandur, but various parts of the city were also flooded, despite the civic authorities having begun the repair of storm-water drains (SWDs) after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's instructions recently.

The most affected areas were Bellandur, Sarjapur, Whitefield, ORR, J.P. Nagar, BEML Layout, Varthur, Balagere Road, Mekhri Circle, K.R. Puram, Hennur, and Hebbal.

Traffic movement was crippled on ORR starting from Silk Board junction to Bellandur, Marathahalli, HSR Layout, and Sarjapur Road and parts of Central Business District (CBD). Commuters, especially those working in the IT corridor, have been requested to avoid taking ORR by the Bengaluru traffic police.

Even the tech parks were flooded, including Manyata tech park in Hebbal, Ecospace in Bellandur, and Prestige tech park in Marathahalli. Water entered the Wipro office in Sarjapur area, entirely flooding the campus after the nearby lake overflowed.

A man was rescued by local guards after he was stuck on a flooded road near Marathahalli-Silk Board junction road. The guards pulled out the man, who was in an unconscious state and called an ambulance and took him to hospital.

Sai Layout in Hennur was submerged in knee-deep water. The area was similarly flooded last month too, and is among the parts of Bengaluru that are regularly marooned after rains.

Rainbow Drive, a layout on Sarjapur Road, has been flooded since the last month and many residents have been stuck there. K.P. Singh, a resident, said that after Monday's overnight rain, about five feet of water was present at the entrance.

Firefighters continue to evacuate residents from the flooded layout.

Rains also wreaked havoc in the slums near Munekolalu and Bellandur. Over 1,500 families were affected, according to local activists.

Many citizens took to social media to complain about flooding and put up videos and photos of the same. The Bellandur, the Hallenayakanahalli, and the Varthur lakes breached their boundaries again on Monday.

Many major roads were also flooded, including Mysuru Road, Bannerghatta Road, according to the traffic police.

Meanwhile, the HSR Layout Traffic Police said that the present situation near the Ecospace in ORR is only one vehicle can move from Devarabisanahalli, towards Ibbaluru, the police were seen alerting the motorists not to take the Ecospace stretch on ORR.

Meanwhile, responding to the repeated flooding in the IT corridor, C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education, IT/BT and Science and Technology, said that the government is monitoring the situation and working with the industries to find a solution.

"Recent rains in Bengaluru have been extraordinary. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai-led government is actively monitoring the issue and working hard to resolve it as soon as possible. A thriving city that has been continually growing for decades is bound to face certain infrastructure issues," he said.

"Our government has been closely collaborating with the industry. We are doing it now too. I have initiated a meeting and will talk with industry leaders and corporate executives soon. We will work together to find a solution. We have organised a meeting with all stakeholders, including the industry, and we are committed to resolving the issues," Dr. Narayan added.

The Vidhana Soudha, the seat of power in the State, was also flooded. Rainwater entered the basement of the soudha's canteen and officials immediately cleaned the rainwater.

On Sunday night, the roads in front of the building were flooded with least two feet of rain water, leading to slow-moving traffic on the stretch.

(Inputs by: Leesha K. Nair)

BBMP chief: Second highest monsoon rain in last 51 years

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath on Monday said that the monsoon rain received this year is the second highest in the city since 1971.

Speaking to reporters, he said that in 1998 the city received 725mm, while this year, starting from 1 June to 5 September, the city saw 709 mm rainfall.

IMD officials said Bengaluru received a record amount of 131.6 mm rainfall on Sunday, making it the third highest single-day rainfall the city has ever recorded.

Previously, 18 cm of rainfall was recorded in one day in 1988 and 132.3 mm rainfall was recorded in 2014.

Meanwhile, Mr. Nath said that from the last week, Bommanahalli, Mahadevapura, and East zones have been affected majorly.

Moderate showers continued to pound the city on Monday and there will be no respite for the next few days, as the India Meteorological Society (IMD) has forecasted that showers will continue till September 8.

The weatherman has also sounded yellow alerts on Tuesday and Thursday for Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts.

"Due to a trough lying between North-interior Karnataka and Kanyakumari, and an upper air cyclonic circulation situated above Kanyakumari and neighbouring areas, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and South-interior Karnataka will experience rainfall for the next few days" said a scientist in IMD Bengaluru.

Man found dead at Commercial Street

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 40-year-old man, identified as Ramaswamy, was found dead during the heavy rains in Commercial Street on Sunday night.

Mr. Ramaswamy was destitute and used to beg and live on the footpaths, a police officer said, adding that his body was found dead near a transformer near Nagamma temple close to the post office.

The police shifted the body to Bowring Hospital and are waiting for the post-mortem report to ascertain the cause of death.

City bus and train services affected

BMTC officials say vehicles took hours to reach their destinations

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

Heavy rainfall and flooding impacted city bus services operated on the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

BMTC officials said that buses operated to Marathahalli, Silk Board, Sarjapur, and others areas took hours to reach their destinations.

'Slow traffic'

Director (IT) of BMTC A.V. Surya Sen said: "Near Marathahalli and other areas, roads were flooded with rainwater, resulting in traffic moving slowly. Buses could not be operated as usual in these areas and the number of trips was less on Monday. This has also caused inconvenience to passengers".

At several depots, such as Koramangala, Shanthinagar, M.S. Palya, Devanahalli, and Kothnur Dinne, rainwater gushed inside. The official said that at some depots, the compound wall collapsed because of the heavy rains.

Near Whitefield, people were seen pulling a stuck BMTC bus to a safer location. A video of people pulling the bus with the help of a rope went viral.

Train services affected

The flooding of the Carmelaram railway station and stagnation of water at the level crossing resulted in the delayed operations of four trains, between Bengaluru and Salem sections.

Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shyam Singh said: "Localities surrounding the station were flooded with rainwater and the station area too were affected.

Trains were held up at different locations such as Cantonment, Baiyappanahalli, and others. Services were disrupted between 10.30 a.m and 12 p.m."

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAPNA** Salunke W/O. Subhash Salunke, R/O. B-608, Sterling Brookside ITPL Mn Rd Kundalahalli Colony Blr-560037, have changed my name to Sapna Subhash Salunke vide affdvt dtd 03/09/22

I I POOJA HEGDE r/at 66/3-3, Nagappa Street Near Hot chips Palace Guttahalli Malleshwaram Bangalore 03 have changed my name from NAGASHREE B to POOJA HEGDE in the presence of Affidavit dt: 1/9/22 duly notarized from M. Venkataraman Advocate Bangalore

I, **Mir** Navsheer Ali S/o Mir Zaheer Ali residing at No.1497, 3rd Stage, 4th Cross, 38th Block, Austin Town, Bengaluru-560047 Karnataka have changed my name to Mir Nausheer Ali vide affidavit dated 03-09-2022 before Meer Hassan, Notary Bengaluru.

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In the court of the Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal 1st Addl. District Judge Ananthapuramu
M.V.O.P. No: 51/2022

Between:
Ammisetty Ramadevi and others
... Petitioners
And
Karthik M. Murugesan and others
... Respondents

Notice to Respondent No:1

R1: Karthik M.Murugesan
S/o M.Murugasan R/at No: 7, R.C. Complex 206-261, S.G.Mutt Road, Chamarajpet, Bengalore, Karnataka State (Owner of offending lorry bearing Regn. No: KA01-AD-9885)

Where as the petitioners has filed a claim petition against you and the same is posted **14-09-2022** for your appearance. You are hereby directed to appear before the Hon'ble court either in person or through an advocate duly instructed on **14-09-2022 at 10:30 A.M.** failing which the matter will be heard and decided exparte.

(By order of the court)

M.Ramu, D.Raju, Advocates Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh State.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
New Delhi
(Department of Road Transport and Highways)

Notification

Roc.No.18012/2020/R1 **Dated : 01.09.2022**

Notification under Section 3G(3) of the National Highway Act 1956 (48 of 1956) and Amendment Act 1997 (Act No. 1997)

Whereas, the Central Government have declared that the lands specified in the Schedule announced in the Kodiyalam, Nallur villages of hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District are required for the public purpose Widening from 10m to 12m and strengthening the existing carriageway from Km 0/0-6/0 & 14/0 to 16/0 including geometrical Improvements, Construction of Drain, Reconstruction of CD work, Junction improvements & Bus bays and Retaining Walls and Rectification to Block spot at Km 9/4-9/8 in Sharjapur - Bagalur - Hosur Road NH 207 (New NH 648) in Krishnagiri District in the State of TamilNadu.

And whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Sub-section(1) Section 3D of National Highways Act 1956 (48/1956) the Central Government have notified in S.O.No.3416 (E) , dated 27.07.2022 and the same notification have published in government of India Gazette, Extraordinary No.3254 Part IISection-3, Sub Section(ii) dated 27.07.2022 from pages from 1 to 4 that the land specified in the schedule annexed shall be acquired for the public purpose mentioned above.

And whereas, the Central Government also notified that the land specified in the schedule annexed are vested with the Central Government from the date of publication of the notification u/s 2 of section 3D of National Highway Act 1956 in the official Gazette dated. 27.07.2022 are free from all encumbrances

All the land owners and other interested person in the land specified in the Schedule appear in person or through their authorized agent or through a legal practitioner, before the Competent Authority and District Revenue Officer, Krishnagiri at the following venue on the date and time specified below and submit claims and state the nature of the respective interest in such lands with relevant records.

DETAIL & PLACE OF ENQUIRY, DATE AND TIME

S. No.	Taluk	Name of the Village	Date	Time	Place
1.	Hosur	Kodiyalam	19.09.2022	10.00A.M	District Collector Office, Krishnagiri.
2.	Hosur	Nallur	19.09.2022	10.00A.M	District Collector Office, Krishnagiri.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the Land to be acquired, with or without structures falling on Widening from 10m to 12m and strengthening the existing carriageway from Km 0/0-6/0 & 14/0 to 16/0 including geometrical Improvements, Construction of Drain, Reconstruction of CD work, Junction improvements & Bus bays and Retaining Walls and Rectification to Block spot at Km 9/4-9/8 in Sharjapur - Bagalur - Hosur Road NH 207 (New NH 648) in the District of Krishnagiri in the State of Tamil Nadu.

State: TAMIL NADU **DISTRICT: KRISHNAGIRI**

S.No	Survey Number	Types of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Taluk: Hosur				
	Village: Kodiyalam				
1	193/5	Private	Dry	0.02.34	Venkatlatchumaiya S/o ChinnaAppaiya
2	193/6	Government	Poramboke	0.00.60	Government of Tamil Nadu
	Village: Nallur				
1	885/1B1A	Private	Dry	0.02.48	P.Krishnappa S/o Betha Pillaiya
2	885/1B1B	Private	Dry	0.02.06	P.Raamappa S/o Betha Pillaiya
3	885/2	Government	Poramboke	0.07.00	Government of Tamil Nadu
4	887/6	Government	Poramboke	0.09.93	Government of Tamil Nadu
				0.24.41	

Competent Authority for Land Acquisition / & District Revenue Officer, Krishnagiri

Toward better days: Congress party leader Rahul Gandhi addresses a rally at the Sabarmati River Front in Ahmedabad on September 5. • AFP

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Is noise the only way to get noticed?

Why political parties must give local politicians a bigger stake in larger issues of the day

PRADEEP CHHIBBER
HARSH SHAH

The election for the post of Congress party President will be held on October 17. In this article published on March 11, 2017, Pradeep Chhibber and Harsh Shah detail how parties need to ensure intra-party democracy and give local politicians a larger stake in everyday issues of the party.

Fringe elements affiliated with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have been in the news ever since the party came to power. Activists who pretend to be associated with the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal and the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh too have had their day in the news.

There are two widely held explanations for such activism. First, the "fringe" is encouraged by the party as a strategy to appeal to more extreme elements within the party and to polarise politics. Second, and more specific to the right wing, some believe that these individuals' provocative actions and remarks are indicative of the government's tacit support for Hindutva principles. Since the party can always use plausible deniability to distance itself from the actions of the fringe elements, both explanations are plausible.

There are two other reasons. The first, we believe, is that this behaviour is symptomatic of the tendency of lower-level politicians and often even bureaucrats to indulge in actions that would help them win favour among their political superiors. Take the case of some ABVP leaders who have been involved in pushing a virulent nationalist agenda. Their actions have served to embarrass the BJP and the Central government.

There are also local politicians who have misperceived favourable responses or miscalculated the impacts of their actions. Rabble-rousers, from Yogi Adityanath to Sakshi Maharaj, have consistently undermined the government's development agenda and even embarrassed the government by making inflammatory remarks centred on religion. In our view, this results from a systemic problem with our politics – that career advancement of individuals in political parties and the bureaucracy is determined largely by random criteria, often on the whims of their political masters.

Lack of democracy

In India, unless one hails from a well-established political dynasty or has a great amount of financial resources, he or she would find it extremely difficult to move up the political ladder.

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Research by Rajkamal Singh and Rahul Verma shows that almost two-thirds of Assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh in the 2017 election were contested by families that have long been a part of electoral politics. There is a complete absence of inner-party democracy at the local level. Thus, lower-level politicians have two options to increase the likelihood of their political advancement. One is a 'push' strategy, by consistently doing good work on the ground and hoping that the party recognises their work. However the randomness in criteria for political advancement, attributable in large part to the absence of party democracy and a deeply entrenched system of dynastic politics, means this strategy is unlikely to work very well. The fact that parties do not have well-established party organisations at the local level elevates the randomness of advancement within their ranks.

An easier way still is to try and win favour directly with their political masters, who rarely follow well-established processes to determine political promotions. This strategy would rest on the assumption that political bosses, if impressed with the individuals, would 'pull' them up through the party ranks. However, since most parties in India are highly centralised, access to the party high command is extremely restricted. In order for them to get noticed by those in higher ranks, they need to create some sort of noise or disturbance, and this often finds expression in the form of coercion and crime.

No sense of involvement

Second, current social science research shows that an individual's sense of responsibility is linked to the organisational characteristics within which they work. The hierarchical nature of Indian parties means this lower rung simply does not feel the same level of responsibility towards the larger goal set by the party. This is buttressed by the failure of parties to cultivate a sense of ownership for local politicians in the larger issues facing the nation. This leaves individuals at the local level with virtually no sense of responsibility towards many of the policy decisions a government takes and they are left to interpret the party's core concerns the way they wish.

In order to deal with this effectively, one option for political parties would be to come down on these individuals with a heavy hand. This is difficult in a democracy. A better and more sustainable option is to reduce the randomness in political advancement at the local level. This can be done by introducing reforms that strengthen inner-party democracy during selection of candidates for different roles. Such reforms are bound to face resistance from a system very set in its ways, and require bold leadership to push through. An instance was when Rahul Gandhi introduced primary-style elections in a few constituencies before the 2014 election.

Over the past few years, India has witnessed too many discomforting actions and events on behalf of its political class. It is imperative that political parties take steps to alter the incentive structure of the system and give local politicians a larger stake in larger issues of the day.

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THE GIST

- In India, unless one hails from a well-established political dynasty or has a great amount of financial resources, he or she would find it extremely difficult to move up the political ladder.
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- An individual's sense of responsibility is linked to the organisational characteristics within which they work. The hierarchical nature of Indian parties means this lower rung simply does not feel the same level of responsibility towards the larger goal set by the party. This shows the failure of parties to cultivate a sense of ownership for local politicians in the larger issues facing the nation.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Apropos Teacher's Day, here is a quiz on famous teachers

1 This man, who was granted Knighthood as well as the Bharat Ratna, was a great scholar. He had a long and illustrious career in teaching. His interests were philosophy and religion. This man's grandson, who was a former Union Health Secretary, passed away on Teacher's Day recently. Who is the man we are referring to?

2 This American philosopher and Marxist is best known as a reformer of education. He was a strong believer in democracy and saw education as the foundation of democracy. His student at Columbia University was one of India's foremost social reformers and political leaders. Who is the American?

3 On December 25, 1873, a simple, inexpensive wedding without a Brahmin priest, Brahminical rituals and dowry took place between a couple in Maharashtra. This wedding, organised by a woman and her husband, spurred a movement. The woman was born into the socially backward Mali family and had the most progressive views on education, women's empowerment, and caste reforms. Who is she?

4 Many actors such as Om Puri and Surekha Sikri consider this man their guru. Apart from his powerful renditions of Shakespeare and Greek tragedies, this man is known for staging Indian plays such as Girish Karnad's *Tughlaq* and Dharamvir Bharati's *Andha Yug*. Who is this man who is said to have transformed the National School of Drama?

5 Name the man who helped to bring the Montessori system of education to India.

◄ This painting is by a famous artist from Kerala. Who is the artist whose students include Mrinalini Mukherjee and Ghulam Mohammed Sheikh?

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The reason why Dr. Radhakrishnan chose philosophy for his Master's degree. **Ans: Free textbooks from a cousin**
2. In which Chennai college did Dr. Radhakrishnan get his first academic appointment. **Ans: Presidency College**
3. Dr. Radhakrishnan's first book was about this Nobel Laureate. **Ans: Rabindranath Tagore**
4. Dr. Radhakrishnan employed this technique to settle debates in the Rajya Sabha if they were getting vocal. **Ans: Recite from religious Sanskrit texts**
5. The influential Asian leader who was surprised after he was patted on the cheek by Dr. Radhakrishnan. **Ans: Mao Zedong**
6. Dr. Radhakrishnan was nominated for the Nobel Prize 16 times in this category. **Ans: Literature**
7. The achievement Dr. Abdul Kalam shares with Dr. Radhakrishnan. **Ans: Honoured with the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award, before becoming the First Citizen of India**
Visual: Dr. Radhakrishnan was awarded this prize. **Ans: Templeton Prize**

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ABSTRACT

Saved through religion

In the U.S., there seems to be an inverse relation between despair deaths and religiosity

PRASHANTH PERUMAL

"Opiates of the Masses? Deaths of Despair and the Decline of American Religion," Tyler Giles, Daniel Hungerman, and Tamar Oostrom, July 2022, Journal of Economic Literature Z12, J11, I18

Social scientists have conducted a lot of research over the years into the various causes of human mortality. For example, factors such as nutrition, economic status, drugs, etc. have been studied to understand their impact on human mortality. Very few researchers, however, have looked into the role played by religious institutions and culture.

An inverse correlation

"Opiates of the Masses? Deaths of Despair and the Decline of American Religion," by Tyler Giles, Daniel Hungerman, and Tamar Oostrom looks into the impact of religion on certain kinds of death in the U.S. among middle-aged white Americans. The authors of the paper note that, from the late-1980s, adherence to religious practices began to decline sharply in the U.S. Just a few years later, beginning in the early 1990s, the country witnessed a rise in "deaths of despair" wherein more people began to die of drug poisoning, suicides, and alcoholic liver disease. In fact, the authors note, deaths from drug poisoning have tripled over the last two decades in the U.S. while deaths due to suicides and alcoholic liver disease have risen by 30% during the same period. Among middle-aged white Americans in particular, the rise in deaths due to these three causes has actually led to a rise in all-cause mortality, thus reversing the earlier trend of decline that lasted for decades. Thus, there seems to be a clear inverse correlation between despair deaths and religiosity among individuals.

When it comes to data, the authors measure adherence to religion by using information from the General Social Survey. This survey has gauged the social attitudes and religious practices of Americans since 1973 by asking a representative sample of about 1,500 people, questions such as how often they visited churches. On the other hand, U.S. mortality data with respect to "deaths of despair" is taken from files available since 1969 at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Analysis of these two sets of data lead the authors to conclude that there is a strong negative relationship between religiosity and mortality attributed to despair. To add further validity to their conclusion, the authors also analyse the trend in religiosity and mortality since the repeal of the "blue laws."

The blues

The blue laws were a set of rules in the U.S. that regulated the days and times, often Sunday mornings, during which commercial activities could be carried out. These laws were influenced by religious reasons, such as to improve church attendance. The U.S. Supreme Court, however, issued several decisions in 1961 on the constitutionality of the blue laws. This led to subsequent challenges against these laws across the U.S. Once the blue laws were gradually repealed by the courts and commercial enterprises could operate more freely, the opportunity cost of going to churches rose. In other words, after the blue laws were repealed, people had to forgo more commercial benefits if they chose to go to church. This led more people to stay away from religious gatherings which led to a sharp plunge in religiosity and a subsequent rise in mortality among middle-aged Americans with no college degree. To be more precise, the researchers found that the repeal of the blue laws caused the weekly attendance of religious services at churches to drop by 5 to 10 percentage points and raised mortality due to despair by 2 deaths per 1,00,000 people.

After further analysis, the authors also state that it is not spiritual beliefs or prayers that help in the achievement of greater longevity but the actual participation in religious services. Participating in religious gatherings perhaps act as a form of mutual support to people and help reduce mortality caused by despair. U.S. States with high levels of religiosity were also found to suffer from lower mortality due to despair, thus indicating that the negative relationship between religiosity and mortality holds across States. Overall, this paper brings to light the significant influence that religious and cultural traditions can have on the well-being of individuals.

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- The Price/Earnings ratio based on diluted EPS for Fiscal 2022 for our Bank at higher end of the price band is 9.10 and Price/Earnings ratio of the average industry peer group is 11.85.
- The three BRLMs associated with the Offer have handled 48 public issues in the past three Fiscal Years, out of which 20 issues closed below the offer price on the listing date.

BID/OFFER PERIOD	BID/OFFER OPEN
	BID/OFFER CLOSES ON: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022*

**UPI Mandate end time and date shall be at 5:00 p.m. on September 7, 2022.*

In case of any revision to the Price Band, the Bid/Offer Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days following such revision of the Price Band, provided that the Bid/Offer Period shall not exceed 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Bank in consultation with the BRLMs may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/Offer Period for a minimum of three Working Days, subject to the Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/Offer Period, if applicable, will be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges by issuing a public notice, and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the BRLMs and at the terminals of the Syndicate Members and by intimation to the Self Certified Syndicate Banks (the **"SCSBs"**), other Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Bank, as applicable.

The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process, in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended (**"SCRR"**) read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and in compliance with Regulation 6(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, wherein not less than 75 % of the Offer shall be allotted on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers (**"QIBs"**, the **"QIB Portion"**), provided that our Bank may, in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations (**"Anchor Investor Portion"**), of which one-third shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price. In the event of under-subscription, or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the Net QIB Portion. Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis only to Mutual Funds, and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIBs, including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining Net QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not more than 15% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders (**"Non-Institutional Portion"**) of which one-third of the Non-Institutional Portion shall be available for allocation to Bidders with an application size of more than ₹ 200,000 and up to ₹ 1,000,000 and two-thirds of the Non-Institutional Portion shall be available for allocation to Bidders with an application size of more than ₹ 1,000,000 and under-subscription in either of these two sub-categories of Non-Institutional Portion may be allocated to Bidders in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Portion in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. Further, not more than 10% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders (**"Retail Portion"**) in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. All potential Bidders (except Anchor Investors) are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount (**"ASBA"**) process providing details of their respective ASBA accounts, and UPI ID in case of UPI Bidders using the UPI Mechanism, if applicable, in which the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSBs or by the Sponsor Bank under the UPI Mechanism, as the case may be, to the extent of respective Bid Amounts. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Offer through the ASBA process. For details, see "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 326 of the RHP.

Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI mechanism) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI mechanism) as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorised the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders'/Applicants' sole risk. Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated February 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021.

Contents of the Memorandum of Association of the Bank as regards its objects: For information on the main objects of the Bank, please see the section "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 157 of the RHP. The Memorandum of Association of the Bank is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, please see the section entitled "Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection" on page 350 of the RHP.

Liability of the members of the Bank: Limited by shares

Amount of share capital of the Bank and Capital structure: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of the Bank is ₹ 2,800,000,000 divided into 280,000,000 Equity Shares of ₹ 10 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Bank is ₹ 1,425,114,540 divided into 142,511,454 Equity Shares of ₹ 10 each. For details, please see the section entitled "Capital Structure" beginning on page 72 of the RHP.

Names of signatories to the Memorandum of Association of the Bank and the number of Equity Shares subscribed by them: The initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association are M.V. Shunmugavel, A.R.A.S. Arumugasamy Nadar, K.A.M.A. Kaliappa Nadar, A.M.M. Sinnamani Nadar, P.K.S.A. Arumuga Nadar and A.R.A. Shenbaga Nadar, M.V.E. Rathasamy Nadar, M.V.E. Kasisamy Nadar, W.P.A. Manimuthoo Nadar and T.V. Balagurusamy Nadar . For details of the share capital history and capital structure of our Bank, please see the section entitled "Capital Structure" beginning on page 72 of the RHP.

Listing: The Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on BSE and NSE. We have received in-principle approvals from BSE and NSE for the listing of the Equity Shares pursuant to letters each dated May 25, 2022. For the purpose of this Offer, BSE Limited is the Designated Stock Exchange. A signed copy of the Red Herring Prospectus has been filed with the Registrar of Companies, Tamil Nadu at Chennai (**"RoC"**) and a copy of the Prospectus shall be filed with the RoC in accordance with Section 26(4) of the Companies Act, 2013. For details of the material contracts and documents available for inspection from the date of the Red Herring Prospectus up to the Bid/Offer Closing Date, see "Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection" beginning on page 350 of the RHP.

Disclaimer Clause of the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"): SEBI only gives its observations on the offer documents and this does not constitute approval of either the Offer or the specified securities or the offer document. The investors are advised to refer to page 308 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

Disclaimer Clause of BSE (Designated Stock Exchange) : It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE Limited should not in any way be deemed or construed that the RHP has been cleared or approved by BSE Limited nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the RHP. The investors are advised to refer to page 309 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of BSE.

Disclaimer Clause of NSE : It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Offer Document has been cleared or approved by NSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 310 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of NSE.

Disclaimer clause of the RBI: A license authorising our Bank to carry on banking business has been obtained from the Reserve Bank of India in terms of section 22 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. It must be distinctly understood, however, that in issuing the license the Reserve Bank of India does not undertake any responsibility for the financial soundness of our Bank.

General Risks: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in this Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their investment. Investors are advised to read the Risk Factors carefully before taking an investment decision in this Offer. For taking an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of our Bank and the Offer, including the risks involved. The Equity Shares have not been recommended or approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (**"SEBI"**), nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of this Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the investors is invited to "Risk Factors" beginning on page 20 of the RHP.

THE EQUITY SHARES OF OUR BANK WILL GET LISTED ON MAIN BOARD PLATFORM OF BSE AND NSE

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ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except anchor investors. UPI may be availed by Retail Individual Bidders. For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section "Offer Procedure" on page 326 of the RHP. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India (**"AIBI"**) and BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", and together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges") and in the General Information Document. ASBA bid-cum-application forms can be downloaded from the websites of Stock Exchanges and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=35 and https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=43, respectively as updated from time to time. For the list of UPI apps and banks live on IPO, please refer to the link: www.sebi.gov.in. Retail Individual Bidders Bidding using the UPI mechanism may apply through the SCSBs and mobile applications whose names appear on the website of SEBI, as updated from time to time. Axis Bank Limited and HDFC Bank Limited have been appointed as the Sponsor Banks for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular dated November 1, 2018 as amended. For offer related queries, please contact the BRLMs on their respective email IDs as mentioned below. For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and mail id: po.upi@npci.org.in.

The UPI Mandate acceptance time for Retail and NII bidders (bids up to INR 5,00,000) shall expire at 5:00 PM on the closing day of the IPO i.e., September 07, 2022.

BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS			REGISTRAR TO THE OFFER	Company Secretary and Compliance Officer
Axis Capital Limited 1st Floor, Axis House, C 2, Wadia International Centre, P.B. Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 400 025, Maharashtra, India **Tel:** +91 22 4325 2183 **E-mail:** tmb.ipo@axiscap.in **Website:** www.axiscapital.co.in **Investor grievance email:** complaints@axiscap.in **Contact person:** Ankit Bhatia/ Pavan Naik **SEBI registration no:** INM000012029	**Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited** Motilal Oswal Tower, Rahimtullah Sayani Road, Opposite Parel ST Depot, Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 400 025, Maharashtra, India **Tel:** +91 22 7193 4380 **E-mail:** tmb.ipo@motilaloswal.com **Website:** www.motilaloswalgroup.com **Investor grievance e-mail:** moiaplredressal@motilaloswal.com **Contact person:** Ritu Sharma **SEBI registration no.:** INM000011005	**SBI Capital Markets Limited** 202, Maker Tower 'E' Cuffe Parade, Mumbai - 400 005 Maharashtra, India **Tel:** +91 22 2217 8300 **E-mail:** tmb.ipo@sbicaps.com **Website:** www.sbicaps.com **Investor grievance e-mail:** investor.relations@sbicaps.com **Contact person:** Karan Savardekar **SEBI registration no.:** INM000003531	**Link Intime India Private Limited** C-101, 1st Floor, 247, Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai - 400 083, Maharashtra, India **Tel:** +91 22 4918 6200 **E-mail:** tmb.ipo@linkintime.co.in **Website:** www.linkintime.co.in **Investor grievance e-mail:** tmb.ipo@linkintime.co.in **Contact person:** Shanti Gopalkrishnan **SEBI registration no.:** INR000004058	**Prakash Chandra Panda** Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, No. 57, Victoria Extension Road Thoothukudi – 628 002, Tamil Nadu, India **Tel.:** +91 461 2323666, **E-mail:** secretarial@tmbank.in Investors may contact the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer or the Registrar to the Offer in case of any pre-Offer or post-Offer related grievances including non-receipt of letters of Allotment, non-credit of Allotted Equity Shares in the respective beneficiary account, non-receipt of refund orders or non-receipt of funds by electronic mode, etc. For all Offer related queries and for redressal of complaints, Investors may also write to the BRLMs.

AVAILABILITY OF THE RHP: Investors are advised to refer to the RHP and the "Risk Factors" beginning on page 20 of the RHP, before applying in the Offer. A copy of the RHP shall be available on website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in and is available on the websites of the **BRLMs**, i.e Axis Capital Limited, Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited at www.axiscapital.co.in, www.motilaloswalgroup.com and www.sbicaps.com, respectively and on the websites of BSE and NSE at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively.

AVAILABILITY OF BID CUM APPLICATION FORMS: Bid cum Application Forms can be obtained from the Registered Office of **TAMILNAD MERCANTILE BANK LIMITED, Tel:** +91 461 2325136; **BRLMs : Axis Capital Limited, Tel:** +91 22 4325 2183; **Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited, Tel:** +91 22 7193 4380 and **SBI Capital Markets Limited, Tel:** +91 22 2217 8300; **Syndicate Members: Investec Capital Services (India) Private Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6849 7400; **Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited, Tel:** +91 22 71934200 / +91 22 7193 4263 and **SBICAP Securities Limited, Tel:** +91 22 69316204 and at the select locations of the Sub-syndicate Members (as given below), SCSBs, Registered Brokers, RTAs and CDPs participating in the Offer. ASBA Forms will also be available on the websites of BSE and NSE and the Designated Branches of SCSBs, the list of which is available at websites of the Stock Exchanges and SEBI.

Sub-Syndicate Members: Achievers Equities Limited, Almondz Global Securities Limited, Anand Rathi Share & Stock Brokers Limited, Anand Share Consultancy, ANS Pvt Limited, Ashwani Dandia & Co, Axis Securities Limited, Centrum Broking Ltd, Dalal & Broacha Stock Broking Pvt Limited, Edelweiss Broking Limited, Finwizard Technology Private Ltd, Finwizard Technology Pvt Limited, G Raj & Co. (Consultants) Limited, HDFC securities Ltd, ICICI Securities Limited, IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Ltd, IIFL Securities Ltd, Jhaveri Securities, JM Financial Services Limited, Kalpataru Multiplier Limited, Keynote Capitals Ltd, KJMC Capital Market Services Limited, Kotak Securities Limited, LKP Securities Limited, Marwadi Shares & Finance, Patel Wealth Advisors Pvt Limited, Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt Limited, Pravin Ratilal Share & Stock Brokers Limited RR Equity Brokers Pvt. Ltd., SBICAP Securities Limited, Sharekhan Limited, SMC Global Securities Ltd, SS Corporate Securities Ltd, Tanna Financial Services, TradeBulls Securities (P) Ltd. and Yes Securities (India) Limited

Escrow Collection Bank, Refund Bank, Public Offer Account Bank: Axis Bank Limited

Sponsor Bank(s): Axis Bank Limited and HDFC Bank Limited

All capitalized terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the RHP.

Place: Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
Date: September 6, 2022

For **TAMILNAD MERCANTILE BANK LIMITED**
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

TAMILNAD MERCANTILE BANK LIMITED is proposing, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offering of its Equity Shares and has filed the Red Herring Prospectus, with the Registrar of Companies, Tamil Nadu at Chennai on August 26, 2022. The RHP shall be available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and is available on the websites of the BRLMs, i.e. Axis Capital Limited, Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited at www.axiscapital.co.in, www.motilaloswalgroup.com and www.sbicaps.com, respectively. Investors should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risk, please see the section entitled "Risk Factors" on page 20 of the RHP. Potential investors should not rely on the DRHP filed with SEBI for making any investment decision.

The Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (the **"U.S. Securities Act"**) or any state securities laws in the United States, and unless so registered, and may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. Accordingly, the Equity Shares are being offered and sold outside the United States in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S and the applicable laws of each jurisdictions where such offers and sales are made. There will be no public offering of the Equity Shares in the United States.

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Drinking water supply to city to be affected for two days

T.K. Halli pumping station, which supplies water to Bengaluru, flooded

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

The overflowing Bheemeshwara at Torekadanahalli (T.K. Halli) in Mandya district will affect Bengaluru's drinking water supply for two days, as two pumping stations in the region, from where the Cauvery water is pumped out, have been flooded. The pumps are expected to be fully functional again by Wednesday.

In a press release, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) said that more than 50 areas, including Malleswaram, Seshadripuram, Indiranagar, Sadashivanagar, Kengeri, and others, will not get drinking water for Monday and Tuesday.

"As there is heavy rainfall in the T.K. Halli region, the second stage machinery of the third and fourth division which supplies water to Bengaluru has been flooded," the release said.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who visited T.K. Halli on Monday, said that a pumphouse of 550 MLD capacity (stage four, phase two) and one of 330 MLD (stage three, phase two) capacity were flooded owing to Sunday's rains.

"Yesterday night (Sunday), Bheemeshwara river overflowed and entered the pumphouse and caused the damage along with rainwater and overflow from lakes nearby. The water level in the river has gone 1.5 metres above the highest flood level. These water levels were not seen in the last 75 years," he said.

He asked citizens of Bengaluru not to panic as two other 550 MLD capacity pumps were functioning properly and the BWSSB chairman, the Principal Secretary of the Urban Development Department, and other officials were on the task of getting the damaged pumps ready.

"At stage four pumphouse, 12 feet of water has already been removed and the remaining will be cleared by tomorrow morning. At the stage three pumphouse, water has already been drained and after the pump and motor are fully dry, 330 MLD water will be pumped to Bengaluru by tomorrow evening," he said on Monday.

The CM also directed the officials to build a concrete retaining wall around the station to prevent future rain damage. He stated that money would soon be released for the same.

He also said that as a contingency plan for Bengaluru to ensure that there is no lack of drinking water, the BWSSB and the BBMP have been directed to charge the 8,000 and 3-4,000 borewells which come under them respectively, and release water to the houses.

Mr. Bommai said that such rain situations were unprecedented in the State. "Since November, heavy rains have been on and off. We did not see summer this time. All the lakes in the State are full and the rainwater is also getting mixed with it and flowing in valleys. We are coming up with contingency plans to regulate the situation," he said.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inspecting the water supplying unit at T.K. Halli on Monday.

Rain damages electrical infrastructure, leading to power interruptions

Two transformers and 15 electricity poles were damaged owing to Sunday rain

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

The downpour on Sunday night led to damage to electrical infrastructure in the city, causing power interruptions, especially in the areas near the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

According to reports from Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom), a power station in Kadubeesanahalli had been shut down owing to flooding, while a couple of transformers at other places were also affected. Around 15 electricity poles broke down, as trees fell on them.

"Our station in Kadubeesanahalli has been severely flooded as there was an overflow from the BWSSB sewage plant next to it. The station was turned off since 4 a.m. and electricity supply was affected in the nearby areas. By evening, power supply had been restored in all the affected areas," said S.R. Nagaraj, General Manager (Customer Relations), Bescom.

Transformers tripped

He further said that at Jayadeva power station, a transformer tripped causing a few hours of interruption, while some parts of Hoskote suffered four hours of power interruption due to the tripping of a transformer in a station.

"At around four locations in Bengaluru, around three electricity poles were damaged as branches fell on them," Mr. Nagaraj said.

A lot of damage to infrastructure was reported in August as a total of 1,823 electricity poles, 174 transformers, and 55 double pole (DP) structures were damaged in regions, which fall under Bescom jurisdiction.

On August 30, when heavy rains lashed the city, 287 trees/branches had fallen down on electricity lines and 419 electricity poles and 13 transformers were damaged.

While over 500 and 700 poles broke down in June and July respectively, the highest numbers were reported in May. A total of 4,905 poles broke down in the month, while 6,024 lines were damaged due to trees and branches. Along with that, 353 transformers and 152 DP structures were also affected.

DAMAGE TO ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE LAST 4 MONTHS

	Poles broken	Tree/branches fallen on line	Transformers damaged	DP structure damaged
May	4,905	6,024	353	152
June	547	540	466	70
July	703	486	104	23
August	1,823	1,341	174	55

Many schools, colleges declare holiday

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

The heavy rains forced many schools and colleges to declare a holiday on Monday. Some have even shifted to online classes for the next one week, considering the weather forecast predicting heavy rains for the next few days.

Azim Premji University, located on the Bikkanahalli main road, Sarjapur, has cancelled classes owing to flooding in the hostel building and on the path to the university head office.

University authorities have advised students and staff members not to travel to the campus. "Weather conditions permitting, the classes will resume on Tuesday," they said.

Niru Agarwal, trustee, Greenwood High International School located in Varthur, said: "The school was still open especially with today being Teachers' Day. Thus, the commute was a big challenge owing to most roads being flooded. Many buses could not make it to the school on time and many students were sent back home early".

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has negotiated to get released for consideration in his favour the Immovable Property, together with the building thereon being (1/4 th) (25%) undivided right, title, interest and ownership Released by the Releasor **Mrs.Naseema Ameen W/o Late Mohammad Ameen** in favour of my client of RESIDENTIAL HOUSE BBMP **No.25, Cline Road, Cooke Town, Bangalore-560005.** PID No.86-28-25 a) 1/4 th Undivided interest in the Land (out of 1901.9 Square Feet) b) Super Built up area 1/4 th share out of 10 Squares residential house

If any person/s are having any objections or claims in respect of the above release the same be lodged with documentary proof within **7 days** from today failing which, our client will get the Release Deed for consideration registered in his name and it shall be deemed there are no claims of any nature whatsoever.

K.M.A.PERES, VIREN MICHAEL PERES, Advocates, No.46/1-1, Wheeler Road, Bangalore- 560005, Mobile: 9845000414. E-mail. peresoffice@gmail.com

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Place: **Bengaluru**
Date: **06/09/2022** **Executive Secretary**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Original Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed dated 06.05.2022 registered as document No.814/2022-23 of Book-I in the office of the Sub- Registrar Laggere Bangalore in respect of Site No.35, measuring 800 Sq.ft., Situated at **Bayyandahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore** has been lost. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **7 days** from this present. along with that Police complaint is also given Vide Lost report No.0304743/2022.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560078.

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001.
Ph : 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax : 080-22215602

No. Gethnaa/ES/135-1/2021-22 **Date: 02.09.2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION - 2ND CALL
E-Procurement Portal

The Deputy Director (Admin), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001, Karnataka, India invites tenders for Supply of Aqua Sports equipments to Gethnaa through E-Procurement Portal.

Particulars : Supply of Aqua sports equipments to Gethnaa. **Tender Amount** : Rs.90.00 Lakhs. **EMD**: Rs.1,80,000/-. **Last date to bid** : 09.09.2022, 16.00 Hrs. **Technical bid opening date** : 12.09.2022, 16.30 Hrs.

The tender shall be submitted through E-Procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Venders need to register in the E-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin)
Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
(Tender Inviting Authority)
DIPR/CP/2073/AKAR/22-23

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Special E-Auction

Special E-auction Programme for the month of September - 2022 This Office letter of even No Dt. 10.08.2022

Date	Division
15.09.2022	Secunderabad

Principal Chief Material Manager,Secunderabad
A1053

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. Y/E.29/2022-23/12
Dated: 25.08.2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work:

Description of Work	Appx. Value
Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Lift M/s Kamai make installed at Krishnarajanagar station for a period of 05 Years.	Rs. 5,34,988/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 hrs. of 16.09.2022**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Mysuru
PUB/321/AAV/PRB/SWR/2022-23
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. Y/E.29/2022-23/13
Dated: 26.08.2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work:

Description of Work	Appx. Value
Replacement of OH ACSR conductors by UG cable under jurisdiction of Mysuru, Hassan, Sakleshpur & Harihar sections. (Phase-II).	Rs. 48,19,623/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 hrs. of 16.09.2022**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Mysuru
PUB/335/AAV/PRB/SWR/2022-23
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. BELLAMKONDA SANTOSH KUMAR S/o. Sri. Venkateswara Rao and wife Smt. DASARI NANDINI have intend to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owners Sri. Krishnappa and Sri. Vasudevaiahbeth are son of Late. Munishamappa and their respective wives and children rep. by their GPA Holder M/s. Shivam Builders and developers Represented by its Proprietor Sri. N. H. Bhaskar Reddy S/o. Late. N. H. P. Siva Reddy, having its office at No. 70, 9th Main, 1st Cross, HAL 3rd Stage, Indira Nagar, Bangalore

If any persons having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing Site No.56, Panchayath Khata No. 1149/56, PID No. 150200102201801616 in Layout Known as "SPRING LUXARY VILLAS" vide approved Plan No. STRRPA/TP/LAO/32/2019-2020 dated 13-09-2021, formed in converted land bearing Sy. Nos.89/2 & 89/3, situated at Gudigattanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk. Measuring East to West 15.24 Mtrs. and North to South 9.14 Mtrs. in all measuring 139.29 Square Mtrs. and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Site No. 65, North by : Site No. 55, South by : Site No. 57.

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K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B. & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
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Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 05-09-2022

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Notification No. 6428/OSMCL/2022 **Dt.: 05.09.2022**

NOTICE INVITING RE TENDER FOR "SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF SURGICAL, ONCOSURGICAL & ANESTHESIA EQUIPMENT AT AHPGIC-CUTTACK"

Online Bids through **e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible bidders for **supply, installation & commissioning of Equipments as per the particulars mentioned below:**

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST
1.	OSMCL/2022-23/ Equipment_AHPGIC Cuttack / 12	Retender for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Surgical, Oncosurgical & Anesthesia Equipment at AHPGIC-Cuttack	Rs.5,600/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	05/09/2022, 5 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	12/09/2022, 11.00 AM Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time: 19/09/2022, 3 PM	End Date & Time: 07/10/2022, 5 PM
4.	Date & time of online Technical Bid Opening	10/10/2022, 3 PM	
5.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in** and **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** . The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- **Managing Director, OSMC Ltd., Odisha**
CAD-1695 OIPR-10112/11/0033/2223

Urban Development Authority Vijayapur

NO: Naptavi/SaUniv/Publication-2022-23/885 Dated:29.08.2022

Regrading allotment of civic facility plots on Lease basis Notification

The Following civic amenity plots reserved by the Vijayapur Urban development Authority will be allotted to various associations and government offices on a thirty-year lease basis in accordance with the Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (Allotment of Civic Amenity Plots) Rules, 1991. Associations/Organizations, Goverment/Non-Government departments desiring to acquire the said plots can apply only for purposes shown in the notification in the prescribed format along with registration fee and initial deposit to be paid for plots of various sizes.

Application for allotment of civic facility plot can be made in prescribed from 1&2 with an initial deposit of 80% of the civic plot. The default living fee payable for the premises is given in column (7).

The Commissioner, Urban Development Authority Vijayapura shall submit the prescribed from Form 1&2 only after verifying the documents regarding the existence of the association/organization in the authority. Available in his office from 30.08.2022 to 14.09.2022 on payment of Rs.200/- during office hours.

Filled 1 and 2 along with prescribed registration fee and initial deposit can be submitted on date:26.09.2022 by 5.00 PM. In case the last day of application is declared as a casual holiday by the government. The next day will be considered as the last day of application. Applications sent after the prescribed time or with incorrect and incorrect information will be rejected.

A copy with more information and details can be obtained by contacting the office of the authority during office hours. The final decision on allotment of plots is subjected to the discretion of the Authority.

Urban Development Authority Vijaypur.
Details of Plots to be allotted on Lease basics of Thirty Years for Civic Amenity Sites.

Sl. no	Sy.No	Plot No	Sq.Mtr	Sq.Feet	Registration Fee	Opening Deposit 50%	Total Lease Amount	Purpose	Location Of Site
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	M.Bagayat 688/*/1a K.J.P.NO. 688/c	20	417.51	4494.07	7,000	10,11,000	20,22,000	Education	Atalatti Road Right Side
2	M.Bagayat 961/*/2 K.J.P.NO.961/b	92	2055.64	22126.90	7,000	49,78,500	99,57,000	Education	Sai park
3	M.Bagayat.961/*/3 K.J.P.NO.961/c	99	477.00	5134.42	7,000	11,55,250	23,10,500	Bank	Sai park
4	M.Bagayat 1033/b	15	1356.18	14597.92	7,000	32,84,500	65,69,000	Office Building	Near Sent Josef School
5	Bhutanal 130/d	43	654.00	7039.65	7,000	15,84,000	31,68,000	Education	Arkeri Road Left side
6	Rambapur 117/1 K.J.P.NO.117/b	05	406.13	4371.58	7,000	9,83,600	19,67,200	Community Hall	Ukkali Road Left side
7	Ittangihal 64/*	80	1727.09	18590.39	7,000	41,83,000	83,66,000	Kalyan mantap	Yatnal Road Left side
8	Bhutanal 169/b	28	470.00	5059.08	7,000	11,38,300	22,76,600	Religious	Old pandarpur Road Right Side
9	Navarasapur 37/a/10 K.J.P.NO. 37/O	02	611.19	6578.85	7,000	14,80,000	29,60,000	Hostel	Athani Road Right Side
10	Navarasapur 33/R K.J.P.NO. 33/X	01	871.07	9376.19	7,000	21,10,000	42,20,000	Education	Athani Road Right Side
11	Hanchanal.PH 160/*/1 K.J.P.NO.160/b	138	949.99	10225.99	7,000	23,01,000	46,02,000	Community Hall	Baratagi Road Right Side
12	Rambapur 111/5 K.J.P.NO.111/b	49	694.97	7480.65	7,000	16,83,000	33,66,000	Hospital	Ukkali Road Left side
13	Rambapur 106/ b	01	2531.72	27251.43	7,000	61,31,500	1,22,63,000	Education	Ukkali Road Left side
14	Rambapur 105/ b	220	874.68	9411.56	7,000	21,17,600	42,35,000	Religious, Cultural Activities	Ukkali Road Left side
15	Bhutanal 147/E	27	358.20	3855.66	7,000	8,67,500	17,35,000	Office Building	Near Sukun Layout
16	Bhutanal 151/d	20	439.39	4729.60	7,000	10,64,000	21,28,000	Religious	Ring Road Left Side
17	Kasaba 298/2 K.J.P.NO.298/c	36	610.00	6566.04	7,000	14,77,500	29,55,000	Hospital	Bangaluru Road Left Side
18	Bhutanal 151/M,151/N	02 01	319.00 319.00	3433.71 3433.71	7,000 7,000	7,72,500 7,72,500	15,45,000 15,45,000	Education	Ring Road
19	Bhutanal 168/b, 168/c	131 01	1314.45 953.27	14148.73 10261.00	7000	3183500 2309000	6367000 4618000	Education	Ring Road Left Side
20	Bhutanal 166/d	22	576.79	6208.56	7000	13,97,000	27,94,000	Education	Behaind Spoorti resart
21	M.Bagayat 644/C	21	417.95	4497.23	7000	10,12,000	20,24,000	Education	Near Radio Kendra
22	M.Bagayat 639/a/3 K.J.P.NO.639/d	57	861.76	9275.44	7000	20,87,000	41,74,000	Education	Ukp-Layout Ring Road Left Side
23	Inapur 55/2/1+2 K.J.P.NO.55/b	31	867.97	9339.41	7000	21,01,000	42,02,000	Community Hall	Sindagi Road Right Side
24	M.Bagayat 955/ b	39	987.98	10630.75	7000	23,92,000	47,84,000	Office Building	Sai park
25	M.Bagayat 952/ b	42	506.00	5444.56	7000	12,25,000	24,50,000	Community Hall	Sai park
26	M.Bagayat 954/ e, 954/ P	34 08	126.33 692.00	1359.81 7448.68	7000	3,06,000 16.76.000	6,12,000 33,52,000	Education	Sai park
27	Kasaba 302/ b	24	500.00	5382.00	7000	12,11,000	24,22,000	Religious	Old Jumnal Road
28	Hittinahalli 5/b	01	319.12	3433.71	7,000	7,72,600	15,45,200	Bank	Bangaluru Road Right Side
29	M.Bagayat 923/P, 923/ I	2 62	947.07 259.56	10190.55 2792.86	7,000 7,000	11,46,500 6,28,500	45,86,000 12,57,000	Education	Near Adavi Shankerling Temple
30	M.Bagayat 961/E,961/ d	01 64	1184.89 1837.68	12749.42 19773.54	7,000 7,000	28,68,500 44,49,000	57,37,000 88,98,000	Office Building	Sai park
31	Bhutanal 150/I	15	371.72	3461.71	7,000	7,79,000	15,58,000	Bank	Sukoon Layout
32	M.Bagayat 947/b	02	607.82	6540.12	7,000	14,71,500	29,43,000	City Health Center	Bangaluru Road Right Side

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Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, SEP. 06	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:27
RISE 15:10	SET 01:41
WEDNESDAY, SEP. 07	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:26
RISE 16:09	SET 02:46
THURSDAY, SEP. 08	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:26
RISE 17:04	SET 03:51

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	24
Mysuru	32	20
Bengaluru	31	19

Bengaluru Today
29°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower will occur.

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We are like a plane flying backwards, says Arundhati Roy

We have no option but to fight, says activist

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

"The country is now like a plane flying backwards. With institutions dysfunctional, we are today where we were during colonialism... We have to fight on the streets. But, even the streets are poisoned and we have to now start from below the streets, at sub-zero levels," said Arundhati Roy, writer and activist who delivered the Gauri Lankesh Memorial Lecture here on Monday.

Asked what fuelled her optimism, Ms. Roy said she had dedicated a book to those who have learnt to divorce hope from reason.

"Compared to Europe or other parts of the world, we haven't even begun to understand what is war. We have no option but to fight," she said. However, she said India had deteriorated so much that from a country where a Minister resigned over a railway accident, people are now benefiting from

Arundhati Roy, G.N. Devy, Prakash Rai, Kavita Lankesh and D. Umapati at Gouri Nenapu programme organised by Gauri Memorial Trust in Bengaluru on Monday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

massacres. "That was why the rulers of Gujarat hurried the election after the 2002 riots and that is why today the rapists of Bilkis Bano have been released. There is an attempt to clear the legal trail of the riots for an international audience. On the other hand, there is claiming of its legacy for the domestic audience," she alleged.

"Today a party is able to come to power without Muslim votes which essentially means disenfranchising 200 million people. Two million people in Assam may lose their citizenship. BJP has emerged as perhaps the richest political party in the world through maze of opaque instruments and can topple elected governments at will. How can we call ourselves a democracy?," she said.

She suggested elected representatives should fight for a "Minimum Support Price", get stored in "Adani godowns" and get auctioned instead of the drama everytime, referring to the switching of sides of MLAs to BJP post elections.

Asked by scholar G.N. Devy of the three words the country should fight for, if there was a "Minimum Speech Permission" [a limited number of words a person is allowed to speak in the country], Ms. Roy said: equality, justice, and beauty.

Mr. Devy asked her what was the source of beauty of the courage of Gauri Lankesh, Teesta Setalvad, and Arundhati Roy, Ms. Roy read out a portion of her essay *The end of Imagination*: "To love, to be loved, to never forget your insignificance, to find happiness in sad places...".

Campaign for jail reforms

Ms. Setalvad, chairperson, Gauri Memorial Trust, who was released from an Ahmedabad prison two days ago on bail, sent a video message in which she called for a campaign for prison reforms especially over incarceration of women.

"I thought of Gauri Lankesh when I was in jail. She would have asked me about the state of women prisoners if she was here. Women in the prisons are being exploited. A few women who have completed 14 years in prison were waiting anxiously for their probable release on August 15. But the rapists of Bilkis Bano were released and not them. There is a crying need to take up a campaign for prison reforms and especially of women prisoners," she said.

'No infirmity in appointing MLA Vishwanath as chairman of BDA'

Court asks govt. to issue guidelines for appointing members

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has said that the appointments of MLA S.R. Vishwanath as the chairman of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) and three other individuals as members does not suffer from any infirmity.

However, the Court directed the State government to frame guidelines for appointment to the posts of engineer, finance and town planner members of BDA so that future appointments to these posts are done as per such guidelines.

A division bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order while disposing of two PIL petitions filed by Harish A.S., a city-based advocate.

In one petition, he had complained that Mr. Vishwanath is disqualified to be an MLA in view of he being appointed as Chairman of the BDA, which is 'an office of profit' attracting disqualification. In another petition, he had questioned appointment of three individuals - S.M. Ram Prasad, H.R. Shantharajanna and Suma as finance, engineering and town planner members respectively of the BDA.

However, the Court said that the Section 3(d) of the Karnataka Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Act, 1956 makes it clear that Members of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly or the Karnataka Legislative Council would not be disqualified to hold the post of Chairman or Member of the Committees, Commission, Council, Board or any other bodies set up by the State government. "Therefore, legislature while enacting the BDA Act, 1976 could not have intended to render Section 3(d) of 1956 Act otiose. It cannot lightly be assumed that Legislature has given with one hand, what it took away from the other," the Court said while pointing out that BDA Act does not prohibit its chairman from having any other avocation.

The Court has found that three other individuals were eligible and have the requisite qualification to be appointed as engineer, finance and town planner members.

However, while noticing that the BDA (Cadre and Recruitment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Regulations, 2004 silent on the manner of appointment, the Court directed the government to frame guidelines for appointing members.

Give health status of saplings planted: HC

It also seeks report on the health of the trees

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday directed the Tree Officer of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike to submit a report on the health status of saplings planted as part of compulsory afforestation for the trees felled for metro rail project based on the permission granted as per the recommendations of the Technical Expert Committee (TEC).

Also, the court sought a report on the health of the trees, which were translocated by the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) as per the TEC's recommendations. The Tree Officer will have to visit the sites where the BMRCL has taken up afforestation and translocated the threes, the Court said.

A division bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S.Vishwajith Shetty passed the order while hearing a PIL filed in 2018 complaining about non-implementation of the provisions of the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976. The bench issued the direction while the BMRCL has claimed that it has complied with the court's earlier directions on compulsory afforestation and other directions while permitting the BMRCL to go ahead with cutting and translocation of trees as per TEC recommendation. However, it was claimed on behalf of the petitioners, Dattatraya T. Devare and Bangalore Environment Trust, that the directions on afforestation and translocation were not complied with by the authorities.

Bicycle thief arrested

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Mahadevapura police arrested a 28-year-old man and recovered 60 stolen bicycles worth ₹9 lakh from him. The accused, Naveen Gangoolappa, a native of Chittoor in A.P., lives in Kadubisanahalli.

According to the police, Naveen was arrested based on a complaint on August 11. A bicycle was parked on the lakebed area in A. Narayanapura when the accused broke the lock and took it away.

The police analysed the CCTV camera footage to identify the accused and arrested him.

Govt. releases ₹300 crore for relief works in Bengaluru

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State government on Monday decided to release an additional ₹600 crore, including ₹300 crore to Bengaluru, to take up relief work in the rain and flood-affected areas, even as it announced a slew of measures to improve the situation in Bengaluru.

"To address the disruption of water supply owing to flooding of the pump house in T.K. Halli, a contingency plan has been formed to supply water to the areas affected. Water from about 8,000 borewells would be drawn to supply to areas coming under the Cauvery third stage and fourth stage second phase," Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told reporters after chairing a video conference with the Deputy Commissioners of the flood-affected districts.

Among other major decisions taken on Monday, included installing sluice gates to major tanks in Bengaluru besides removal of encroachments.

According to the Chief Minister, while there are 164 tanks in the city, they do not have sluice gates that are important in lake management system. Stating that no infrastructure can be readied for such heavy rains, he said: "Bommanahalli, Mahadevapura, and K.R. Puram received 307% more rains than the average in the last five days of September and other areas in the city have received 150 % more rains than the average- highest since 1992-1993."

The Chief Minister also said that the government has decided to set up three more SDRF companies, including one for Bengaluru.

While the government announced additional ₹600 crore, in addition to the ₹644 crore already available with the Deputy Commissioners and ₹1,500 crore released for storm-water drains in Bengaluru, it has also decided to revisit the estimates for losses before submitting it to the Central team, which is visiting the State on Tuesday.

Mr. Bommai said that the State has already submitted a memorandum detailing losses to an extent of about ₹11,000 crore and the government has decided to add the losses suffered between September 1 and 5.

In the last five days alone, rain has damaged crops on about 16,100 hectares, 255 km of roads, and about 2,500 residential buildings, leaving about 5,092 people in relief shelters in 17 districts across the State, the Chief Minister said.

24 fire tenders, 10 boats deployed

IMRAN GOWHAR
BENGALURU

As many as 24 fire tenders, 200 Fire and Emergency Services personnel, and 10 boats were pressed into service for rescue operations in South-East and South divisions since Sunday night.

The teams have been given the task of removing water from areas and roads, Hemanth Kumar K., District Fire officer, South Fire Station, said.

Many low-lying areas, including the Kanteerava indoor stadium and chief fire station office at high grounds, M.S. building, and other government buildings, were flooded. The worst-affected areas included Domlur, Bellandur, Koramangala, HSR Layout, Sarjapur, Marathahalli, HAL, Yemlur, Hosur Road, and Nallurahalli.

Many teams are working in shifts to pump water out and getting those people stranded out using boats, Mr. Kumar said. The situation in the affected areas is going to be bad as it will take some more days for it to become normal, he added.

Meanwhile, the traffic police have deployed men at the Sarjapur Ecospace junctions to manage the traffic.

Domestic, international flights affected owing to rain at KIA

Airport got 109 mm rainfall between 11.30 p.m. and 4 a.m.

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

Inclement weather conditions at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) disrupted several flight services.

Six flights coming to Bengaluru were diverted to the Chennai airport.

A spokesperson of Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), operator of KIA, said that two international flights, an Air France one arriving from Paris and an Lufthansa flight from Frankfurt, were also diverted to Chennai.

Four domestic flights of Indigo and Go First from Delhi, Mumbai, and Pune were also diverted.

Poor weather conditions have resulted in delayed departures. A total of nine flights, including six international flights, were delayed.

The spokesperson said that flights to Bangkok, Dubai, Kuala Lumpur, Amsterdam, Tokyo, and Qatar were delayed for an average of 25 minutes. Three domestic flights to Pune and Ahmedabad were also delayed.

The airport received 109 mm of rainfall between 11.30 p.m and 4 a.m.

"Due to heavy rain and lightning, six flights were diverted to Chennai airport. The poor weather conditions also impacted operations of nine flights that were scheduled to leave Bengaluru at midnight and early morning," said the spokesperson. Passengers complained about rainwater stagnating at the vehicle parking areas outside the terminal. A video of an inundated parking bay near the terminal area has gone viral.

Passengers also complained about flooding on roads leading to the airport, especially on the service road of Ballari Road, where the metro work is in progress. On flooding of the parking areas, the spokesperson said: "Due to heavy rainfall, the water stagnated for some time. The drainage system is working well and water receded within a short time".

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Audio clip of MLA 'admitting' to taking bribe goes viral

BJP lawmaker is heard promising father of an aspirant that he will return ₹15 lakh

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PSI JOB SCAM

Basavaraj Dhadesugur

Bharatiya Janata Party leader and MLA for Kanakagiri in Koppal district Basavaraj Dhadesugur's name surfaced in the police sub-inspector recruitment scam after an audio clip of his purported telephonic conversation with the father of an aspirant went viral on Monday.

In the audio clip, Mr. Parasappa, the father of the PSI post aspirant, demands Mr. Dhadesugur to return ₹15 lakh that he had given about one-and-a-half years ago for getting the post for his son. Mr. Dhadesugur is heard admitting to having accepted the money and promises to return it.

Mr. Dhadesugur is also heard reprimanding Mr. Parasappa for discussing the matter with others, who, in turn, were calling him to enquire about it.

"At present, I'm in Bengaluru and I have talked to district president Doddanagouda... You need not involve a third person. I have received money and given it to the government. I am responsible for it. I will return the money after returning from Bengaluru," Mr. Dhadesugur said in the audio clip.

After the audio clip went viral, Mr. Dhadesugur denied that he had accepted the money by stating that he was only mediating between the two meaning that one who gave the money and other who accepted it.

"This is the problem between the two people. Both of them came to me with a request to resolve it and I promised them to do so. I have nothing to do with their problem," he told mediapersons in Koppal on Monday.

The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee's publicity committee head M.B. Patil, who was in Koppal on Monday, urged the government to arrest Mr. Dhadesugur and interrogate him in the PSI recruitment scam.

'Arrest him'

"In the audio clip that went viral, Mr. Dhadesugur admitted that he had accepted money [from the father of a PSI post aspirant] and gave it to the government. The government should answer. The police should immediately arrest and interrogate Mr. Dhadesugur to unearth more details about his and others' involvement in the scam," Mr. Patil told mediapersons after visiting Gavimath in the city.

Murugha Sharanaru in judicial custody

Girls in the hostel on mutt premises handed over to Child Welfare Committees

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, prime accused in the alleged sexual harassment case, whose police custody ended on Monday, has been remanded in judicial custody till September 14.

The seer who was in police custody was produced before the Second Additional District and Sessions Court on Monday and subsequently judge B.K. Komala remanded him in judicial custody.

Prior to producing him before the court, medical examination of the seer was again conducted.

The seer was arrested by the police on September 1 late night and remanded in judicial custody for 14 days. After questioning him, the police had got 'potency test' conducted on the seer on Saturday and conducted *mahazar* of the seer's room at the mutt on Sunday. Producing the seer before the court, the investigating officer also submitted the *mahazar* report to the court.

Meanwhile, there were speculations about the third accused being arrested, which however was ruled out by the district police.

Shifted

In a related development, all the residents of the girls hostel on the mutt premises have been handed over to the custody of Child Welfare Committees of respective districts, from which the girls hail. "In all, 105 students of class V to SSLC were in the hostel. Of them, 54 students returned to their respective native places with their parents. Among the remaining, 12 students were lodged at Balamandir and 37 were shifted to Morarji Residential School at Golayyanahatti. And two victims were sent to Balamandir", District Child Protection Officer P. Lokeshwarappa has said.

He said that among the 49 students, 11 belonged to Chitradurga. As per the order from the department, the remaining 38 girls were handed over to child welfare committees of their respective districts. The students would be admitted to residential schools in their districts, he said.

Mass marriage

Meanwhile, six couples entered into wedlock in the mass marriage conducted at the mutt in the presence of in-charge head of the mutt Mahantha Rudreshwara Swami on Monday. Although seven couples had registered, only six turned up. The seer said that from the last 32 years, mass marriages were being conducted and it was on the verge of being included in the Guinness Book of World record. He also clarified that the routine programmes and rituals were going on as usual and appealed to the devotees to visit the mutt without any fear.

Bharat Jodo yatra: Cong. leaders seek support

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi on Monday appealed to the people to extend support to his party's 'Bharat Jodo' yatra.

Addressing presspersons here, the Congress leader along with another spokesperson Dolly Sharma said the yatra – to be launched on Wednesday – is being planned to reinforce social harmony and strengthen the foundational constitutional values. The 150-day-long yatra will cover 3,500 km from Kanyakumari to Kashmir passing through 10 States and Union Territories.

"This yatra is being held to ensure that the concerns and demands of people are heard. Through this yatra, a platform will be created to raise issues concerning people, mainly inflation and unemployment. I appeal to people to raise their voice fearlessly," he said.

Asserting that the yatra is not in the context of elections, Mr. Gogoi said: "The support of people in Karnataka for this yatra is very valuable. We have seen the tremendous response from people during the Mekedatu padayatra making it the most successful one in recent times."

Ms. Sharma said the Bharat Jodo yatra will be launched on Wednesday. "Rahul Gandhi will begin the rally by paying respects to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's memorial in Sriperumbudur. This will be followed by a procession and a public meeting," she added.

'Govt. likely to form panel to probe allegations of graft'

Education Dept. accused of indulging in rampant corruption

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Close on the heels of allegations of corruption being levelled against the Education Department, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education B.C. Nagesh on Monday said there was a proposal to form a commission or committee to receive and investigate the complaints related to the department.

"Action will be taken against the guilty after receiving the inquiry report," the Minister said while participating in a programme that had been organised in Bengaluru to mark Teachers' Day.

He asked the Education Department officials to work honestly and transparently.

The Minister's statement on the move to initiate an inquiry into allegations of corruption has assumed importance as Registered Unaided Private Schools Managements Association (RUPSA) had accused the officers of the department and the Minister of indulging in rampant corruption. They had even complained to the Prime Minister.

"The deadline given for registration of new private schools has been extended several times. However, some schools failed to register. Such schools are identified and listed so that children do not face any difficulty in getting admission in such schools. However, allegations are being levelled against the Education Department. Such an action is taken in the interest of the children," he said.

"The real estate and land mafias had set their sights on grabbing the property of government schools. Thus, a special campaign is being conducted to protect the property of government schools. Every effort is being made to register the property of the schools with the Education Department," he said.

Meanwhile, participating in the programme, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the new recruitments of teachers will match the number of those retiring the services in the coming days.

"The new teachers will be recruited a year before to fill the vacancies of those who retire and they will be trained before filling them in the vacancies created by retirement," the Chief Minister said. Stating that ₹25,000 crore has been allocated to the field of education in this budget, he said the government spent ₹19,000 crore on teachers' salaries and ₹5,000 crore was spent on development of schools. To reduce the burden in education sector, 15,000 teachers will be appointed, he added.

Further, in the light of reports that children were dropping out of school due to absence of toilets, Mr. Bommai said that the government intends to create separate toilet facilities for girls and boys in all government schools in one year's time. "We have announced this on August 15 and the project will be completed by next August 15. By next August, 4,000 anganwadi centres will be constructed."

The Chief Minister said that the government has directed the Education Department to bring discipline and simplification of rules to prevent harassment to teachers. "We have observed that NOC is being issued to set up new schools without any verification. This will have an impact on children's education and quality. Government will take action against those who violated the rules and also those who enabled violation of rules."

FROM PAGE ONE

Lingayat seer in Belagavi found dead

Basava Siddalinga Swami

The police suspect this could be reason behind the seer's decision to end his life.

A case is being registered.

Final rites

Babasaheb Patil, former zilla panchayat member and a follower of the seer, said the final rites would be conducted at Neginahal on Tuesday.

A police officer said a chit was found in the seer's quarters which could have been written by the deceased. "It is signed by the seer and says that no one else is responsible for his decision and that he did not seek any action against anyone. He asked forgiveness from his mother and followers of the mutt and asked the followers and well-wishers to carry out the mutt activities without hassles," he said.

Meanwhile, the local Basava Kendra members complained to the police, saying the women responsible for the audio clip should face legal action.

In a letter to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Basava Kendra president, Somappa Bagewadi, alleged that two women — Managundi Satyakka and Gangavati Rudramma, made baseless allegations against the seer that led to this incident. Mr. Bagewadi demanded that the two women be arrested immediately. Superintendent of Police Sanjiv Patil said that all aspects of the case would be investigated.

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies could seek help and counselling by calling Arogya Sahayavani - 104)

Brijesh Kalappa joins AAP

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Senior Supreme Court lawyer Brijesh Kalappa, who quit Congress recently, joined the Aam Admi Party (AAP) here on Monday. He was welcomed to the party in the presence of AAP's Karnataka in-charge Dilip Pandey.

Mr. Kalappa has represented Karnataka in the legal dispute over sharing of Cauvery, Krishna and Mahadayi rivers with neighbouring States, and was also the Additional Advocate General of Haryana government. "The future of the country can only be strengthened if AAP wins and comes to power," Mr. Kalappa said at the joining ceremony.

CET-2022 rank list: Govt. to challenge HC order

"We are not upset about the students of last year. We resolved this problem without causing injustice to anyone," he said, while assuring that everything would be done within the stipulated time frame.

The High Court had quashed the CET-2022 engineering rankings and directed the government and the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) to redo the ranks by taking II PU and CET-2022 marks in 50:50 ratio, even for the petitioner students who had passed II PU in 2021, on Saturday. The KEA, while allotting ranks, had taken into account only CET ranks for repeaters this year as only the CET marks were considered for students in CET-2021 for all students. The marks of only CET were considered last year as no examination was conducted for II PU and the marks awarded to students were based on a specially formulated scheme. Rashmi M., Principal Secretary, of Higher Education; P. Pradip, Commissioner of Collegiate and Technical Education; and Ramya, Executive Director of KEA, and legal experts were present at the meeting.

IN THE COURT OF THE 28TH ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH No.29)
O.S. No. 26207 of 2018
BETWEEN: SHRI. NARAYAN REDDY @ NARAYANASWAMY AND ANOTHER ... PLAINTIFF
AND: SHRI. PAPAIAH AND OTHERS ... DEFENDANTS
COURT NOTICE
Service of Notice by paper publication under Order 5 Rule 20 (1) of CPC
Proposed Defendants: 35. MRS. NANDIKAM BALASRI BINDU, W/o Mr. Manoj Kumar Ambati, aged about 24 years, Both R/at 132/1, 2nd Floor, 13th Main, 3rd Cross, MT Street, Kodihalli, HAL 3rd Stage, BENGALURU-560 008. 36. MRS. JAYASREE N, W/o Mr. Shiva Kumar, aged about 43 years, No.17, Anjali, 5th Cross, Byrasandra Main Road, New Thippasandra Post, G.M. Palya, BENGALURU-560 075. 37. MR. SHIVA KUMAR K., S/o Late Sri. A. Kasu, aged about 50 years, No.17, Anjali, 5th Cross, Byrasandra Main Road, New Thippasandra Post, G.M. Palya, BENGALURU- 560 075. 39. M.R. RAVIPATI VIJAYABHASKAR S/o Sri.Ravipati China Venkatarao, aged about 35 years, R/at No. 184/A/1, Cheeran Cottage, 19th Cross, 4th Main, Ramesh Nagar, Bengaluru-560037. 40. MR. RAVIPATI VENKATA SASI, W/o Mr. Ravipati Vijayabhaskar, aged about 28 years, R/at No. 184/A/1, Cheeran Cottage, 19th Cross, 4th Main, Ramesh Nagar, Bengaluru-560037. 41. PRATHIBHA BHARATHI BALLA, W/o Mr. Chinna Naidu Ruthula, aged about 28 years, R/at Flat No. R3333, Goldenwoods Apartment, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Basavanagar, Bengaluru - 560 037. 42. CHINNA NAIDU RUTHULA, W/o Mr. Chinna Naidu Ruthula, aged about 28 years, R/at Flat No. R3333, Goldenwoods Apartment, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Basavanagar, Bengaluru - 560 037. 44. PUSHPA LATHA MASGANELLURI, W/o Mr. Rabi Babu Mangenelluri, aged about 32 years, R/at No. 17, 7th Main, 8th Cross, Talacavery Layout, Basavanagar, Marathahalli, Bengaluru - 560 037. 45. RAVI BABU MASGANELLURI S/o Mr. Venkateshwarlu, aged about 40 years, R/at No. 17, 7th Main, 8th Cross, Talacavery Layout, Basavanagar, Marathahalli, Bengaluru - 560 037. 46. P. MULLAI MALAR, W/o Mr. S. Paaranjothi, aged about 37 years, R/at No. FB-359, HAL Central Township, Marathahalli Post, Bengaluru-37. 47. S. PARANJOTHI, S/o Sri S. Sendhamarai, aged about 38 years, R/at No. FB - 359, HAL Central Township, Marathahalli Post, Bengaluru-560037. 48. TUSHAR KHADETOD, S/o Sri N.A. Khandetod, aged about 38 years, R/at Flat No. 301, White Pearl Apartment, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, L.B. Shastry Nagar, HAL Post, Bengaluru - 560 017. 49. R. VALLIYAMMAL, W/o Mr. S. Ravi, aged about 31 years, R/at No. 321, New S 33, Behind HAL Police Station, HAL, Bengaluru - 560 037. 50. S. RAVI S/o Sri. P. Subramaniyan, aged about 41 years, R/at No. 321, New S 33, Behind HAL Police Station, HAL, Bengaluru- 560 037. 51. MRS. S. TAJUNNISA, D/of Late S. Syed Shah, aged about 56 years, R/at No. 391/1, 13th Cross, Hanumaiah Street, Vinayaka Nagar, Annasandrapalya, Vimanapura Post, Bengaluru - 560 017. 52. MAHESH P S/o Sri. K. Paramasivam, aged about 40 years, R/at No. G-1290, 4th Main, 9th Cross, HAL Quarter, Central Township, Marathahalli Post, Landmark - Behind HAL Police Station, Bengaluru - 560 037. 53. S. PUNITHAVATHI W/o Sri. Mahesh P, aged about 36 years, R/at No. G-1290, 4th Main, 9th Cross, HAL Quarter, Central Township, Marathahalli Post, Landmark-Behind HAL Police Station, Bengaluru 560 037.. 54. SIRISHA GUNNA, W/o Mr. SivakantiGunna, aged about 29 years, R/at Flat No. S 1122, Goldenwoods Apartments, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Basavanagar, Bengaluru - 560 037. 55. SIVAKANTI GUNNA S/o Sri. G. Prakash Rao, aged about 37 years, R/at Flat No. S 1122, Goldenwoods Apartments, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Basavanagar, Bengaluru - 560037.
Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above suit for Partition, Declaration, Possession and Permanent Injunction and against you. The Hon'ble Court has issued emergent notice of suit through paper publication. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court on 20-09-2022 at 11 AM. in person or through a pleader failing which the suit will be placed ex-parte.
Given under of hand and seal of the Court on 02-09-2022.
By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.
Advocate for Plaintiff:
SREEVATSA ASSOCIATES
No. 50, II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)
Ref: 1)No:EE/UTP/RNR/PB-3/2022-23/1015.
(2) No: EE/UTP/RNR/PB-3/2022-23/1016 Date: 01.09.2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal system)
Percentage tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, from eligible bidders who satisfies through GO e-procurement platform shall submit the bid as per Ref No 1,&2 in **Single and two cover Electronic document system** for **2 number of Works under the head of account 2701 and 4701 M&MI for Tender amount of Rs. 19.25 Lakhs and Rs.494.20 Lakhs** under this division **for the year 2022-23.** (1)The contractor can have access to e tender documents for above Tenders **From: 05-09- 2022 to 14-09-2022 up to 5.30 PM** (2) Last Date and time for tender queries before **12-09-2022 up to 5.00 PM** (3) Pre Bid meeting as per Ref.2 is 12-09-2022 @ 11:30 AM(4)Last date of bid submission ofcompleted e-tendering documents on **14-09-2022 up to 5.30 PM (5) For Single cover documents** as per Ref No 1 Financial Bid will be opened **On 16-09-2022 at 11.30AM** (6)) **For Two cover documents** as per Ref No 2 Technicaal Bid will be opened **On 16-09-2022 at 11.30AM & financial Bid will be opened after the Approval Technical Bid** at office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, UTP Division,Ranebennur. Any changes made in the said Notification Corrected Corrigendum's will be uploaded in the e procurement portal.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, U.T.P. Dn, Ranebennur.
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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
21st ANNIVERSARY

V.N.SAMA RAO B.Sc., B.L.
Advocate, Vellore
Birth: 30.03.1931 Death: 06.09.2001
"An extraordinary soul
Lived for principles
Leading us every moment"
Fondly remembered by:
VALLUR FAMILY MEMBERS

DEATH
OBITUARY

SOUNDARYA KRISHNAMURTHY
09.09.1939 - 02.09.2022
Our beloved Smt.Soundarya has attained the lotus feet of her divine lord Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai BABA.
Her Legacy will live on in the lives of innumerable people she touched with her love.
T. G. Krishnamurthy
Nirup & Sridevi
Harish & Shalini
Sanjana, Sujana,
Prashant & Jaivardhan

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿ.
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:[illegible]:2022-23/ 2188 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 03-09-2022
-: ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ :-
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ [illegible] 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ ಕೆ/ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು-1,2,3,4 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಅಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯ ಕೆಳಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
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ಅ) ಪ್ರಿಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ:	02-09-2022 ರಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 11-30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಬ) ಟೆಂಡರ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಾಗಿ ನಿಗಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:	03-09-2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5-30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಕ) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:	14-09-2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4-00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಡ) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:	15-09-2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಇ) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:	16-09-2022. ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿವರವಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.
ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.
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An Autonomous Institute of Government of Karnataka
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BENGALURU
SHIVAJINAGARA, BENGALURU.
Ref. No: SABVMCRI/384/2022-23, Bengaluru Date: 03-09-2022
NOTIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor Posts in various Departments for **Residual Parent Cadre (Non Hyderabad-Karnataka region).**
The details of the Number of Posts, Qualification, Experience, Pay Scale, Application Form, Application Fee and Other details may be obtained from Website: **https://sabvmcri.karnataka.gov.in**
Online application form available in Website: https://sabvmcri.karnataka.gov.in should be filled. Acknowledgment copy along with two sets of self attested documents should be submitted to this office **before 5.00 PM of 17-09-2022.** Application fee of **Rs. 2000/-** should be paid through online.
The date of interview Department wise will be intimated in the website. Relevant documents submitted after due date in person or through post will not be considered.

Category of Post	Total No. of Posts	Department		Roster
Professor	5	Biochemistry	1	SC (O), GM (O), ST (O), GM (W), Cat-I(O)
		Pharmacology	1	
		General Medicine	1	
		OBG	1	
		Radio Diagnosis	1	

Category of Post	Total No. of Posts	Department				Roster
Associate Professor	20	Anatomy	1	General Medicine	2	SC (O), GM (O), ST (O), GM (W), Cat-I (O), GM (R), 2A (O), GM (PH), SC (W), GM (W), 2B (W), GM (R), 2A (W), GM (O), SC (R), GM (W), 3A (O), GM (R), 3B (O), GM (Ex)
		Physiology	1	Pediatrics	1	
		Biochemistry	1	General Surgery	2	
		Pharmacology	1	Orthopedics	1	
		Pathology	3	OBG	1	
		Microbiology	1	Anesthesiology	2	
		Forensic Medicine	1	Radio Diagnosis	1	
		Community Medicine	1			

Category of Post	Total No. of Posts	Department				Roster
Assistant Professor	30	Anatomy	1	Psychiatry	1	SC (O), GM (O), ST (O), GM (W), Cat-I (O), GM (R), 2A (O), GM (PH), SC (W), GM (W), 2B (W), GM (R), 2A (W), GM (O), SC (R), GM (W), 3A (O), GM (R), 3B (M), GM (Ex), 2A (R), GM (W), SC (PH), GM (W), 2A (PH), GM (R), SC (W), GM (KM), 2A (W), GM (W)
		Physiology	2	General Surgery	3	
		Biochemistry	2	Orthopedics	1	
		Pharmacology	1	ENT	1	
		Pathology	1	Ophthalmology	1	
		Microbiology	1	OBG	2	
		Community Medicine	4	Anesthesiology	2	
		General Medicine	3	Radio Diagnosis	1	
		Pediatrics	1	Dentistry	1	
		Pulmonary Medicine	1			

Note: As per the Circular No. DPAR 03 HKC 2019 dated: 23.03.2022, separate notification is to be made for Hyderabad Karnataka Region. Hence, this Office previous Notification No. SABVMCRI/254/2022-23 dated: 03.08.2022 and SABVMCRI/313/2022-23 dated: 05.08.2022 stands cancelled.
Sd/- Director Cum Dean
SABVMCRI, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/2080/Adverto/2022-23
HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19? CALL APTHAMITRA ON 14410
Wear Mask
6 Feet
Follow Physical Distancing
Maintain Hand Hygiene

Two killed and three missing as boat capsizes

Fishing vessel met with accident off Thiruvananthapuram

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Two fishermen were killed and three others are feared missing in the sea after a fishing boat capsized off Muthalappozhi in Thiruvananthapuram district on Monday afternoon.

The deceased have been identified as Shanavas and Nizamudeen.

The boat, Safa Marwa, carried a crew of 23, all of them hailing from Varkala. Seven men were rescued by a Coastal Police vessel, while 11 others were rescued by fishing boats which were close by, according to the Anchuthengu Coastal Police unit.

The accident occurred when the boat was returning to the Muthalappozhi fishing harbour, according to the police.

Initially, confusion prevailed over the actual crew strength and the number of missing persons. Rescue operations were hampered by bad weather in the region. Strong winds and rain had turned the coastal waters rough. After an alarm was raised, the Coast Guard's Vizhinjam unit rushed two interceptor boats and a coastal patrol vessel to the region to aid the rescue effort, but bad weather and failing light made the search difficult. Two boats of the Coastal Police and the Marine Enforcement were continuing search near the harbour mouth late into Monday night. The Coast Guard ship ICGS Samar and a helicopter from Kochi are expected to join the search on Tuesday, a defence spokesperson said.

It was suspected that the missing men got entangled in the boat's fishing net which had snagged on the groyne. In the evening, a crane was brought to the site to try and drag up the net.

Local fishermen blockaded the Anchuthengu police station, blaming the administration for delay in search and rescue operations.

Water woes: A file photo of people wading through a flooded road in Kochi. • PTI

Red alert in Kerala districts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

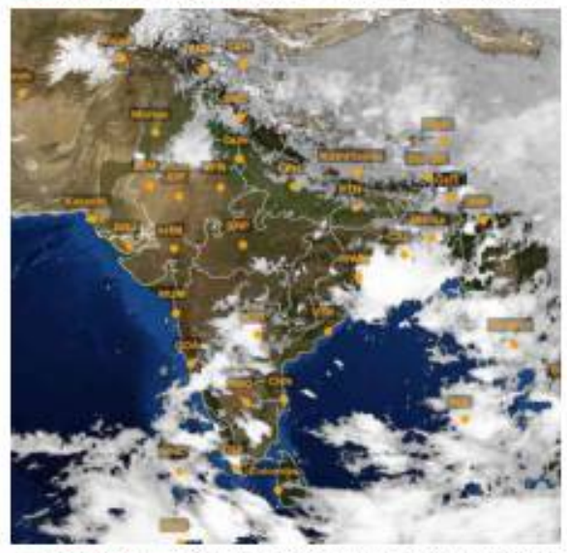
After a brief lull, heavy rain accompanied by thunderstorms is likely to pound Kerala from Tuesday, triggered by a cyclonic circulation and a monsoon trough. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday declared red alert warning of extreme rainfall in four districts – Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, and Idukki – on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the rain gained strength in many places, battering parts of high-range areas of southern and central Kerala, keeping authorities on their toes. As per the weather models on Monday, orange alert has been sounded for eight districts on Wednesday and three districts on Thursday.

Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Meghalaya, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Mahe, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, central Maharashtra and Konkan & Goa

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	5.8	33.4	26.8	Kozhikode	2	33.2	26.2
Ahmedabad	–	34.5	25.4	Kurnool	9	34.0	23.3
Aizawl	7	–	21.2	Lucknow	–	36.7	26.9
Allahabad	1	36.1	26.2	Madurai	–	33.4	23.6
Bengaluru	131.6	31.0	19.5	Mangaluru	0.1	30.4	25.1
Bhopal	27.8	31.0	23.1	Mumbai	5	31.4	26.2
Bhubaneswar	2	34.6	24.9	Mysuru	28	32.0	20.4
Chandigarh	–	35.6	26.6	New Delhi	–	37.1	26.2
Chennai	–	35.0	26.4	Patna	–	33.6	26.7
Coimbatore	–	33.5	23.1	Port Blair	13	29.1	24.3
Dehradun	46	33.2	20.5	Puducherry	–	33.0	25.6
Gangtok	20	21.5	17.2	Pune	0.4	30.4	23.7
Goa	–	30.6	25.0	Raipur	–	32.3	23.8
Guwahati	0.7	33.6	26.2	Ranchi	20	32.4	22.5
Hubballi	–	31.0	22.0	Shillong	13	22.7	18.1
Hyderabad	_	34.0	23.6	Shimla	_	24.1	15.4
Imphal	5	30.9	20.8	Srinagar	_	23.9	18.8
Jaipur	–	34.1	25.2	Thiruvananthapuram	0.2	30.2	24.6
Kochi	–	30.4	25.6	Tiruchi	–	35.1	23.5
Kohima	–	25.4	15.5	Vijayawada	43	34.8	25.4
Kolkata	49	35.7	27.6	Visakhapatnam	–	34.4	28.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	–	12	.17	41	44	
Bengaluru	6	22	.48	41	54	
Chennai	3	34	.91	41	38	
Delhi	19	63	–	75	234	
Hyderabad	10	9	172	44	69	
Kolkata	10	13	.22	71	79	
Lucknow	12	81	.42	46	83	
Mumbai	11	–	.90	80	84	
Pune	–	33	.86	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	–	42	.21	50	–	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Yamunanagar, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 206 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

One lakh pledge eyes following Puneeth Rajkumar's death

National Eye Donation fortnight is observed every year from Aug. 25 to Sept. 8

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar's eye donation not just gave the gift of sight to four people, but also boosted eye donation and pledging. Narayana Nethralaya that runs the Dr. Rajkumar Eye Bank has recorded a huge spike in donations since Mr. Puneeth's eye donation on October 29.

K. Bhujang Shetty, chairman and managing director of Narayana Nethralaya, said the eye bank has received one lakh eye pledges from November till date. "We have collected 2,019 eyes since the actor's death. The numbers are higher than the pre-COVID period and are increasing every month. In August, we collected 208 eyes and 1,500 pledges," he said. "While we had seen a total of around 76,000 pledges in the 30 years of the eye bank's existence, a whopping one lakh pledges have been recorded in the ten months alone. All these pledges are online through our missed call facility. We have launched an exclusive number – 8884018800 – through which people who wish to pledge their eyes can register their names. Those who want to donate can call 9741685555," the doctor pointed out.

Actor Puneet Rajkumar.

Creating awareness

Since 1986, National Eye Donation fortnight is observed every year from August 25 to September 8 to create awareness among the public about eye donation and eye pledging under the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment. Overall, Karnataka has recorded 4,594 eye donations during this fortnight so far through all the 32 eye banks in the State.

To mark the 37th Eye Donation fortnight, the Health Department organised a walkathon from Vidhana Soudha to Kanteerava Stadium on Monday. On the occasion, families of eye donors and eye recipients were felicitated. Health and Medical education Minister K. Sudhakar presented eye donation certificates to the families eye donors. "It has been decided to club the event with the theme of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and accordingly each Primary Health Centre (PHC) in the State has been directed to conduct eye donation camps in their jurisdiction. The PHCs have been given a target of mobilising at least 75 eye pledges," said an official statement from the Health Department.

Anybody can donate eyes irrespective of age, sex, religion, blood group. Donation of eyes can happen even if the person is suffering from diabetes, cataract, glaucoma, hypertension, cardiac issues, asthma or refractive errors. Pledging of eyes before death is not mandatory for eye donation. Eyes should be collected within six hours after death. Removal of eyes takes 20 minutes and does not disfigure the face, the statement added.

ISRO, Australian Space Agency to boost bilateral collaborations in space tech

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Australian Space Agency (ASA), an entity that is responsible for the development of the country's commercial space sector, have decided to intensify their interactions with a view to developing and growing space technology markets for both India and Australia.

As a precursor to this, the space entities on Monday facilitated signage of half a dozen MoUs between Australian and Indian startups focused on space tech at Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX) in Bengaluru.

Australia's Space Machines Company has entered into a collaboration with Bengaluru-based aerospace and defence manufacturer Ananth Technologies on product integration, testing, technology development, and joint-space missions.

Australian startup HEX20 would work with Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace to provide launch services, spacecraft avionics, and components to Australian Space Initiatives. Perth-based QL Space also partnered with Skyroot Aerospace to develop launch facilities in Australia and support joint mineral exploration missions in space.

Australian Space Agency head Enrico Palermo with his delegation and space entrepreneurs in Bengaluru on Monday.

IN BRIEF

Tension in Bagalkot

BELAGAVI

The police rushed to Handarangi village in Bagalkot district on Monday, after reports of desecration of an Ambedkar image in a school came. Tension prevailed for some time after DSS members staged a protest.

Shifting of registered office

Notice is hereby given to the general public that Cerence Services (India) LLP ("LLP") having LLPIN: AAH-5595 proposes to shift its registered office from the state of 'Karnataka' to the state of 'Maharashtra' as per the provisions of section 13 (3) of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 read with rule 17 of the Limited Liability Partnership Rules, 2009.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the LLP may deliver or send by registered post of his/her objections along with supporting documents stating the nature of interest and grounds of opposition to the Registrar of Companies, Bengaluru, within 21(twenty one) days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the LLP at its registered office at the address mentioned below.

Reg. office: GF, Block-B, Salarpuria Aura, Khata No. 434/170 Marathahalli-Sarjapur, Outer Ring Road, Kaverappa Kadubeesanahalli Karnataka 560103

For and on behalf of
CERENCE SERVICES (INDIA) LLP

Date: 06.09.2022
Place: Bangalore

SD/-
DEEPTI PAREEKSHIT BHAT
Nominee Designated Partner

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ
ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇ./ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿಕ/ಎ.ಪಿ-2/ಟೆಂಡರ-16/2022-23/1922 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.09.2022

ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್)

ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು (ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ-2 & 4) ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸುವದು.

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: **26.09.2022 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ** ವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: **27.09.2022 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ** ವರೆಗೆ (3) ಟೆಂಡರನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: **28.09.2022 17.00 ಗಂಟೆ** ವರೆಗೆ (4) ಟೆಂಡರನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: **30.09.2022 17.00 ಗಂಟೆ** ವರೆಗೆ

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: **ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 5054-SH Improvements (Appendix - E) ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್: (1) 147559 ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 5054-MDR Improvements (Appendix - E) ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್: (1) 147561 (2) 154735 (3) 154745**

(ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ-2&4) ರಲ್ಲಿನ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ e-procನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾದ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದರೆ **"eproc.karnataka.gov.in"** ನೋಡಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227) ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕಾರವಾರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ

DIPR/KDK/MCA/382/22-23 dt:05.09.2022

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS
CIVIL WING

PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

Executive Engineer(C), Postal Civil Division, Bengaluru, invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate e-tenders for the following work:

N.I.T. No. : 37/PCD/BGL/2022-23

Name of Work: **Civil works in connection with repair works to Gents & Ladies Toilets at Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor, Central Wing, Repairs to Front car parking area including providing Rainwater Harvesting pits and replacing old damaged water supply and sanitary lines in toilet Shafts at GPO Building, Bengaluru.**

Estimated Cost : ₹.26,59,606/-
Earnest Money : ₹.53,192/-
Period of completion : **04 Months**

Last time and date of submission of bid : **15.09.2022 15.00hrs.**

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **https://dopcivil.euniwizarde.com**

Executive Engineer(C)
Postal Civil Division,
Bengaluru- 560032.

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works.

I No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/F- /22-23/5701-03 Date: 05.09.2022

Enquiry No. **KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/2021-22/EPR-10/CALL-9 Dtd: 11.10.2021** in combined for the following works:

1. Replacement of damaged, deteriorated conductor of 220KV Somanahalli-Yarandanahali and 220kV Somanahalli - Subramanyapura line at Kulumepalya in TLM Sub-Division Somanahalli, Bengaluru.
2. Providing Intermediate Tower to increase the vertical clearance of the existing 220kV Hoody-BIAL S/C line between Tower No. 44 and 45 near Yarappanahally village Kadagrahara limits, TLM Hoody on Total turnkey basis.
3. Estimate for providing Double string Insulator in 220kV Tatguni - Vrushabavathi line passing Pipeline & Nice road near Ayurvedic Hospital which is identified as hazordous location, in TLM Sub-Division Somanahalli, Bengaluru.
4. Estimate for providing Double string Insulator in 220kV Khodays-Subramanyapura & 220kV Subramanyapura-Peenya lines(DC) are passing Pipeline at Gubbalala which is identified as hazordous location, in TLM Sub-Division Somanahalli, Bengaluru.
5. Increasing the vertical clearance of existing 220kV Somanahalli-HSR and Somanahalli-Naganthapura line at Basavanapura, near Abhaya Laksmi Narasimha temple by erecting new 220kV DB+6 NRS-Laggere design type tower by replacing the existing 220kV DC A type tower in the jurisdiction of TLM Somanahalli.
6. Increasing the vertical clearance of existing 220kV Somanahalli-HSR and Somanahalli-Naganthapura line at Begur to koppa road near Mylasandra dinne, by erecting new 'DA+9' 220 DC 'A' Tower Gadag-Bagalakote design type tower by replacing existing ' DA+0' type tower, in the jurisdiction of TLM Sub-division Somanahalli.

I No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/ F- /22-23/5696-07 Date: 05.09.2022

1. Enquiry No. **KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/2021-22/EPR-18/CALL-08 Dated 28.12.2021** for the work of replacement of deteriorated tower type DA+0 at 66KV Tower No.71 in the existing 66/11KV DG3-DG4 DC line from existing 66/11KV Manyatha Tech Park S/s., to existing 66/11KV Hoskote Service Station near Hirandahali lake limits, Bengaluru rural.

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'e-Procurement-KPTCL'** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **06.09.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Transmission(Maintenance),BMAZ South Circle, KPTCL,
Office complex, Ground Floor,A.R.Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009.

ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ತುಮಕೂರು
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ತುಮಕೂರು.
ಕ.ಸಂ:ಕಾಇಂ:ಲೋಇವಿ:ತುಮ:ಕಇಂ-3:ಟೆಂಡರ್-19/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ 01.09.2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 19/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.09.2022

ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 19/2022-23:ದಿನಾಂಕ 01-09-2022ರಂದು ತುಮಕೂರು ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 5054-04-337-0-01-154 ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳು ಸುಧಾರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು 8443: ಕೇವಗೆ ಪಂತಿಕೆ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 08 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.67.28 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು, ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.825.07 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.1,34,600/-, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.12,37,700/-. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು : 3 ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು, ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:06 ರಿಂದ 11 ತಿಂಗಳು, ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊನೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: **22.09.2022**ರ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ **05.09.2022** ರಿಂದ **23.09.2022**ರ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: **23.09.2022** ರ ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: **26.09.2022** ರ ಸಂಜೆ 16.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: **28.09.2022** ರ ಸಂಜೆ 16.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಚೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಸಂ: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸೂಚನೆ: ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಪಟಿವಾಟಿನ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಯು.ಡಿ.ಐ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಿಲ್ಲದಿರುವ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ವಹಿವಾಟನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ

ಸಹಿ/-ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ತುಮಕೂರು.

DIPR/TUM474/MCA/2022-23

Zilla Panchayath, Chikkaballapura
Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Department of Women and Child Development
Near Ganesh Cycle Mart, Gowribidanur Taluk,
Chikkaballapura District. Phone No.: 08155-284168,
e-mail: **cdpogbd@gmail.com**

No.: CDP/GB/EggT.N./2022-23 Date: 02.09.2022

e-Tender Notice

Subject: Regarding invitation of applications online through e-procurement portal for distribution of Eggs to 351 Anganwadi Centres coming in the limits of Child Development Project, Gowribidanur Taluk for the year 2022-23.

Related to the above subject Short-Term e-Tender is invited from eligible firms/agencies for distribution of Eggs to 351 Anganwadi Centres coming in the limits of Child Development Project, Gowribidanur Taluk for the year 2022-23.

(1) Last date and time for submission of application through e-procurement from **02.09.2022 to 09.09.2022, 5.00 PM. (2)** EMD Amount: **Rs. 2,52,000/-. (3)** Date, time and Place of Pre-Bid Meeting: **06.09.2022 at 11.00 AM.** Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Gowribidanur. **(4)** Date and time of opening Technical Bid: **12.09.2022 at 5.30 PM. (5)** Date of opening Financial Bid: **14.09.2022 at 5.00 PM. (6)** Approx. Value of Tender: **Rs. 1,67,83,776/-.**

Further information and complete details of the Tender can be obtained only from e-procurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For further details phone no. of this office 08155-284168 can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer, Gowribidanur

DIPR/Chikkaballapura/R.O. No.249/MCA/2022-23

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Mr.Muniswamy.K**, Aged About 66 Years, S/o. Late.Kondaiah, Residing at: No.14, 10th Cross, Green Park Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore - 560043, and Others intended to Purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Mr.S.Mohammed Syed**, Aged about 58 Years, S/o.Late.Mohammed Issac Residing at: Dinnehalli Road, Masthi Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, and Others, which is more fully described in the schedule given below. If any persons claiming or objections with regard to the Schedule Property they are required to send the same with documentary evidence within **Ten (10) days** from the date of this Public Notice hereof my clients shall be at liberty to proceed with the sale deed if there is no any claims or objection in the regard to the Schedule Property within the stipulated time.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Un-Developed Converted Land bearing **Survey No.29/2,** duly converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No.33803, Dated: 14-11-2019, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District. Survey No.29/2, measuring to an extent of 2 Acres 18 Guntas. Situated at **Masti Village, Masti Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District,** together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:-

East by : Government Pathway,
West by : Land belongs to Mrs.Sarvath Sultana,
North by : Government Road,
South by : Tank Bund.

T.RAMESH KUMAR & MANJULA RAMESH Advocates
No.1, Alisa Arcade, Near Vijaya Bank, Old Madras Road, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru-560036. Ph.No.9845601026
Bengaluru Date : 05-09-2022

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
KALYANA KANRATAKA HUMAN RESOURCE, AGRICUTLURE & CULTURAL SOCIETY (R.), KALAUBRAGI DIVISION, KALAUBURAGI
Email: kksecklb@gmail.com, Phone No: 08472-227712

No:KKHRACS/ DEV/CR- 40/2022-23 Date:05.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

This office invites quotations from interested agencies for **Supply of Plantation Saplings with Material Under Integrated Farming System (IFS) to the fields of farmers of Kalyan Karnataka region.** The details of which are mentioned below;

Interested agencies are invited to submit their quotations through e-procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or before date: **14.09.2022 at 4.30 pm** and Technical Bid will be opened on **15.09.2022 at 4.35 pm** and Financial Bid will be opened on **16.09.2022 at 3.00 pm.**

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A matter of trust

The Governor must end the uncertainty over the unseating of Hemant Soren

The Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand has proved its majority amid the continuing uncertainty over the Chief Minister's membership of the State Legislative Assembly. Mr. Soren is accused of allotting a mining lease to himself, an act that can potentially cost him his Assembly seat. In the 81-member strong Assembly, the ruling alliance of Mr. Soren's Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, the Congress, NCP, RJD and CPI(M-L) had 48 votes in Tuesday's vote of confidence, a comfortable majority. With 26 seats, the BJP has been left far behind but it has continued nurturing hope of seizing power that it had not won in the polls. The JMM-led alliance has been wobbly despite its numerical dominance in the face of the BJP's constant threats of sabotage. Whispers regarding an ongoing scheme to upend the State government, as in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, came to the fore with the arrest of three Congress MLAs in neighbouring West Bengal on July 30 with cash that they allegedly received for defecting. With the sword of disqualification hanging over the head of the CM, the ruling alliance managed to keep its MLAs together and initiated a confidence motion. The BJP appears to have developed second thoughts, and is unsure of its strategy to deal with Mr. Soren. The last word has not been said, but for now, the Soren government – and the alliance – has survived.

Governor Ramesh Bais's silence regarding Mr. Soren's disqualification as MLA is confounding – or perhaps too transparent – for it mirrors the ambiguity of the BJP. Mr. Bais is expected to announce whether Mr. Soren stands disqualified, taking into consideration the opinion of the Election Commission of India (ECI) that he had received in August. There is no official word from the Governor on the ECI's letter, but State BJP leaders are confident that the disqualification has been recommended. The process was triggered in February 2022 when the BJP complained to the Governor that Mr. Soren had got a mining lease from the State, and hence was in violation of Section 9(A) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. There are several questions that will naturally follow if he were to be disqualified, the most important of them being whether he would be able to continue as Chief Minister. A Chief Minister can be in office without being a member of the legislature for up to six months. However, it would not be proper for a person who is disqualified as MLA for violating the law to continue as Chief Minister using a technical fig leaf. A more immediate question of impropriety is the Governor's refusal to announce his decision and end the uncertainty, at least on one question. A Governor has no reason to try to tilt the scales in favour of or against any political party, through acts of omission or commission. Mr. Bais should take a decision and announce it at once.

Rear guard action

Car accident-related deaths can be drastically reduced by the use of seat belts

Merely days after the release of the National Crimes Records Bureau report that stated that those killed in road accidents – 1,55,622 in 2021 – had reached the highest level since 2014, industrialist and the former chairman of Tata Sons, Cyrus Mistry, and a fellow passenger lost their lives on Sunday when the car they were travelling in met with an accident near Palghar, Maharashtra. Police sources were quoted as saying that the passengers were not wearing their seat belts. The tragic and avoidable accident should heighten awareness of the need for car safety deployments and their enforcement by road safety authorities. It is well understood today that the use of low-cost restraint systems such as seat belts and airbag equipment have helped reduce car passenger-related fatalities effectively. Studies, quoted in a road safety report prepared by the Transportation Research and Injury Prevention Centre, IIT Delhi, in November 2021, estimated that "air-bag deployment reduced mortality by 63%... lap-shoulder-belt use reduced mortality by 72%, and combined air-bag and seatbelt use reduced mortality by more than 80%". While awareness about and enforcement of seat belt use have relatively increased over time despite stark numbers on non-compliance related deaths (the Road Transport Ministry estimated that 26,896 people had died due to non-use of seat belts in accidents in 2017), the enforcement for belt wearing for rear seat occupants has been almost non-existent. This is a shame as a study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, U.S., shows that rear seat occupants were eight times more likely to suffer serious injuries in a mishap if they did not buckle up than if they did. Other aspects such as the proper use of headrests also help in reducing injuries due to whiplash during accidents.

Another worrying trend identified by the IIT Delhi report is that while national highways constitute only 2% of the total length of roads in India, they contribute to 36% of fatalities. While the proximate cause of deaths and injuries to passengers in this particular accident was high speed driving, in line with the NCRB's findings that 56% of India's road accidents in 2021 were caused due to overspeeding, it is also true that policing has often resorted to simplistic methods to determine 'driver's fault' in most road accidents. The road safety report points out that the NCRB's figures were a gross underestimate and the only way to reduce fatalities was to institute evidence-based, India-specific and effective road safety policies. These include looking at composite factors such as poor road design and maintenance of road and traffic infrastructure in fixing responsibility for accidents. One suggestion – the removal of medians on intercity highways and replacement with steel guard rails or wire rope barriers – also merits consideration.

Gorbachev, macro-economics, and Gandhi

Concepts of free trade, financial freedom, and privatisation are not the right solutions for India's citizens

ARUN MAIRA

"You see, Sasha, this is how it goes," a tired Mikhail Gorbachev said to his closest aide when he lay down to rest after transferring power to his successor, Boris Yeltsin, in 1991. Gorbachev, who passed away last week, has been hailed for his role in ending the ideological conflict between communism and capitalism, and also bringing down the Iron Curtain and ending the Cold War between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Soviet Union.

Russia today

Sadly, Gorbachev lived to see history return with a vengeance. NATO is expanding eastwards; Russia is threatened: Ukraine is its battleground. On the economic front, Russia has not recovered from the shock it got from Boris Yeltsin's "big bang" capitalisation imposed by U.S. economists. Perversely, an unintended effect of the big bang is the return of authoritarianism under Vladimir Putin. Gorbachev had favoured a slow transition to a "mixed economy" like the Indian model and had approached Rajiv Gandhi for advice. I was a member of a small team of Indian business leaders which had travelled to Moscow and Riga in 1989 to explain the "Indian model" to economists at the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union. However, the "Washington economics" model prevailed. Led by a triumphant United States, and economists in U.S. think tanks, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the wave of opening domestic economies to international flows of trade and finance swamped Russia; it also reached India's shores in 1991.

Overall life expectancy is a good measure of the well-being of a nation's citizens. When all citizens are well-nourished, when public health systems function well, and when violence in society is low, an average person lives longer. International comparisons reveal that GDP per capita is an insufficient contributor to longevity. Many countries with substantially lower incomes outperform the U.S. in life expectancy. Cuba is one place above the U.S. in longevity tables even though its income per capita is just 14% of U.S. incomes.

Between the big bang capitalist reforms of the Russian economy in 1991 and 1994, life expectancy fell from 64 to 57 years. Ten million Russian men (6.7% of the Russian population) 'disappeared'. Their deaths were caused by suicides, alcohol poisoning, homicides, and heart attacks brought upon by despair with joblessness and hopelessness, created by wholesale privatisation of the economy and disruption of social safety nets. "Catastrophes of this magnitude typically occur only during pandemics and wars," says George DeMartino, author of *The Tragic Science: How Economists Cause Harm (Even As They Aspire To Do Good)*. Yet, losses of this magnitude had not occurred even in the U.S. Civil War (2.1% of the U.S.'s population), or the flu pandemic of 1918-1920 (2.8% of world population). The Russian deaths were caused by the imposition of an economic ideology that claimed that everyone will be better off with the aid of some mysterious hand when the state is pushed back, the economy is deregulated, and capitalist spirits are let loose.

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Ideological wars

The 20th century was a violent period in human history: with two gory world wars, many wars for independence from colonialism, and a long Cold War which brought the world to the edge of a nuclear holocaust. Gorbachev helped to bring the world back from the nuclear precipice. The 20th century also witnessed ideological battles among economists: communism, socialism, and capitalism; the role of the state vis-à-vis private enterprise; the rights of nations to resist the "Washington model" and shape their own economic models to fit their needs. While Russia was tragically overrun by global capitalism, China took its own course with remarkable results.

The capitalist model that spread around the world after the fall of the Berlin Wall is founded on two fundamental ideas. One is the ideology of "property rights" trumping human rights. In capitalism, whoever owns something has the right to determine how it will be used; and whosoever owns more shares in a property must have a greater say. Thus, one dollar owned gives one vote in governance, and a million dollars, one million votes. Whereas the democratic principle of "human rights" requires that every human being, black or white, or whether billionaire or pauper, has an equal vote in governance.

The shift in balance from democracy to capitalism in the last 30 years is made vivid by the creation of international tribunals who adjudicate disputes between foreign investors in countries and the governments of those countries. Governments of countries represent the interests of millions, even billions, of people in their countries. On the other side in the dispute are a few investors of capital. Global trade rules, and national financial and trade regulations too, have veered too much towards the needs of financial investors, making it easier for them to enter and exit countries whenever they will, while stopping human migrants from searching for better opportunities across national borders.

Ideologies of elected governments and free markets were the joint victors of the ideological war between the West and the Soviet Union. The two victors are now clashing with each other even in the West. When appliances designed to run on AC power are plugged into sockets providing DC power, there will be blow-outs. Similarly, when institutions of governance designed to run on fundamentally different principles are plugged into each other, something will blow up.

Another core idea of capitalism is Hardin's "Tragedy of the Commons". It says that communities cannot manage shared resources; therefore, common property must be privatised for its protection. With the operation of the mechanism of 'cumulative causation', wealthy people become more wealthy. When a public resource is privatised, those who already have wealth can buy it; and in bidding wars, those with more wealth will win and become even wealthier. Thus, when capitalism is unleashed, inequalities will increase, as they have in Russia and around the world since the 1990s.

Uncontrollable climate change is an existential "tragedy of the commons" for all life on Earth. Twentieth century capitalism does not have solutions: in fact, it is the problem. The time has come to reform economics. Principles of equity and ethics, and fair sharing of power and resources, must constrain unbridled drives for efficiency and productivity to increase the size of the economy that have become the thrusts of economic policies globally.

Gandhi's ethical economics

New models of cooperative governance are required to realise the promise of humanity's shared commons. With his concepts of *perestroika* and *glasnost*, Gorbachev wanted to save common citizens from being oppressed by powerful people. His successors, ill-advised by economists, handed over the Russian economy to unbridled capitalism. Oppression by the state was replaced by exploitation by capitalists. Ten million Russian men died prematurely. And Russians lost pride in their identity and history. More men are now losing their lives on the battlefront in Ukraine in Putin's bid to protect Russia and recover Russian pride.

"This is how it goes," Gorbachev observed when he resigned. India's policymakers should heed history's lessons. Concepts of free trade, financial freedom, and privatisation, promoted by macroeconomists, are not good solutions for India's billion citizens struggling for resilience in their lives. India's policymakers seem obsessed with increasing the size of the economy. The shape of an economy matters more than its size for human well-being. India's economic governance must be guided by Mahatma Gandhi's calculus, with principles of human rights and community management, to realise the promise of our commons, and provide "poorna swaraj" to all citizens.

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The difficult path to India-Pakistan peace

The failure to manage the domestic audience in Pakistan is a recurrent trope that has overwhelmed peace attempts

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After the unceremonious ouster of Imran Khan from the seat of government in Pakistan and the promulgation of Shehbaz Sharif as Prime Minister, there have been signs of a thaw in India-Pakistan relations. It was reported that the Pakistan Army chief, General Qamar Bajwa, had countenanced backchannel talks and a "limited trade resumption package" with India. This was to help alleviate some of the stresses on Pakistan's flailing and cash-strapped domestic economy that was veering on the edge of a default in the face of a widening current account deficit and high inflation brought on by the after-effects of a global novel coronavirus pandemic, unprecedented floods, and decades of poor planning.

As a respite, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently agreed to a one-year extension for Pakistan's 39-month, $6 billion Extended Fund Facility programme begun in 2019, and further added an additional $1.17 billion to its coffers. To ease its situation further, especially considering the devastating impact of the floods on food supply in Pakistan, Pakistan's Finance Minister Miftah Ismail had indicated his openness to import "vegetables and edible items from India". However, Mr. Sharif had to quickly retract Mr. Ismail's suggestion and restate his government's commitment to prioritising a resolution of the Kashmir dispute before normalisation of bilateral relations could take place. There has been no official confirmation of India's proposal to provide food aid to Pakistan, nor of any Pakistani request for the same.

Domestic pressures

It is abundantly clear that Mr. Sharif, despite the obvious economic benefit of seeking trade in essential commodities with India, is unable to overcome the pressures of domestic public opinion in Pakistan. His predecessor's controversial and unpopular departure via a vote of no-confidence and upcoming general elections in Pakistan has swayed Mr. Sharif's decision-making. Mr. Khan's party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf, won a convincing victory in the hugely important Punjab by-polls earlier this year. Meanwhile, the stock of the Sharif-led coalition is sinking as he has been forced to introduce austerity measures and rollback public subsidies to meet the IMF's demands.

A simple application of rational choice theory would suggest that Mr. Sharif's choice is fairly straightforward. Pakistan should ask India, a large agricultural producer in the neighbourhood, to provide it essential aid in its moment of crisis. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi had even tweeted that he was "saddened to see the devastation caused by the floods in Pakistan". This suggests an implicit willingness to provide food aid if required. It is worth noting that India provided essential vaccine supplies to Pakistan during the COVID-19 pandemic and there is precedence for cooperation between the two nations when faced with such emergencies. But still, Mr. Sharif could not muster the political will to serve Pakistan's short-term interests, despite the fact that such trade would not create long-term dependencies on India, or require extreme concessions, or entail a compromise of principles.

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Leader equations

This episode sheds light on the enduring nature of India-Pakistan relations. Due to the deep securitisation of the Kashmir dispute in Pakistan's social imaginary, it is quite challenging for Pakistan's leadership to sustain any sort of peacemaking with India, even if strong material incentives are present. It is known that the electoral costs of such an undertaking would be suicidal, making Pakistani peacemakers susceptible to popular backlash.

In my research on conflict termination, I have found that the personal reputations of leaders as well as moments of weakness can be useful to trust-building processes between rivals. Mr. Sharif and Mr. Modi have reputations that are conducive. Mr. Modi, as former Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee's successor, was seen by Nawaz Sharif, Shehbaz Sharif's brother and former Pakistani Prime Minister, as a populist leader capable of countenancing an Indian compromise on the Kashmir dispute. It is likely that this view still holds sway.

Similarly, the Modi government in India has long seen the Sharif regime in Pakistan as supportive of stability in bilateral ties. Mr. Modi had even made a surprise visit to Lahore in 2015 to meet Nawaz Sharif and demonstrate his sincerity in resolving pending disputes. Pakistan's weakness and need for food aid is also apparent in the given circumstances. India too would like to refocus its overstretched defence capacities on handling China. Still, a breakthrough remains elusive.

In the 1950s

This was also the case in 1953 when Mohammed Ali Bogra and Jawaharlal Nehru negotiated the Kashmir dispute. Bogra was a Bengali and desirably seen in New Delhi as lacking Punjabi sentimentality on Kashmir. Nehru on the other hand was considered a strong, popular, and secular leader who was able to withstand the cross-currents of public opinion in India. Then too, Pakistan faced economic distress. Bogra and Nehru made reciprocal visits to New Delhi and Karachi. They got close to an agreed solution on Kashmir, but each time, Bogra's inability to foster domestic coalitions to support the peacemaking process with India overrode the negotiations. The ire of domestic publics against Bogra as well as the disapproval of his cabinet colleagues were insurmountable. Such failure to manage domestic audience costs in Pakistan and insulate the peace process from spoilers has been a recurrent trope and has derailed several India-Pakistan peace dialogues.

In the circumstances, much will depend on the outcome of the next general elections in Pakistan and the choice of Gen. Bajwa's successor. If the Sharif-led coalition government returns to power and a similar-minded army chief is appointed, there may indeed be renewed opening for a sustained backchannel dialogue and trade. However, these talks too are likely to remain unfruitful until there is bipartisan support in Pakistan on the need to normalise ties with India and the two states enter a long period of de-securitisation. This may be too much to ask for. But, without it, the price of peace with India will be too high for Pakistan's leaders. As long as the option of peace (or in this case, trade) forces Pakistan's leaders to choose between their survival as political agents and the larger interests of the state, the answer is likely to disappoint.

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Ensure road safety

The unfortunate passing of former Tata Sons chairman Cyrus Mistry in a road accident on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway appears to have been caused in part by an error in judgment by the person behind the wheel. Overtaking on highways is not unusual. Incidents could happen in spite of care and precautions. Our thoughts are with the families.

ANTHONY HENRIQUES,
Mumbai

■ The tragic accident shows that however sophisticated the car model, the driver's road attitude does play a great role. There is also the state of Indian roads. Perhaps States need to introduce and enforce speed restrictions on all highways. There is also growing congestion even on highways due to increasing vehicular use. This only adds to the risk factors road users face. More lanes also give a driver a false sense of security.

V. LAKSHMANAN,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

■ The tragic accident also highlights the need for better road safety. According to the latest report of the National Crimes Records Bureau (NCRB), the road accident rate has been rising, with as many as 1,55,622 people having lost their lives due to road accidents in 2021.

DIGANTA CHAKRABORTY,
Jangipara, Hooghly, West Bengal

■ The accident should make all drivers refamiliarise themselves with the rules for lane driving and changing, over-taking, speeding and insisting on the use of seat belts even by rear seat passengers. There are many dangers on India's highways.

GOVARDHANA MYNEEDU,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Taiwan and India

Notwithstanding the different arenas of conflict, there are lessons for New Delhi from the Taiwan standoff to incorporate in its policy and stance. Clear articulation and unambiguous messaging by Taiwan of the belligerent nature of China helped it a great deal. It was also able to boldly assert its rights as the underlying point is that Taiwan is a semiconductor lynchpin. Diplomacy is paramount, but acquiescence might be perceived as and equated with being accommodative.

NISHAT BHATOTIA,
Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana

The rat race

The passing of a school student in Karaikal, Puducherry, after having been poisoned makes for sad reading (Page 1, "Boy dies of poisoning; classmate's mother held", September 5). It is natural that a parent wants their child to do well in academics and extracurricular activities. But there is also much pressure on a child to outperform his classmates.

GURUPRASAD P.,
Chennai

■ One feels that the education system is also responsible for promoting an unhealthy rat race among students. The lack of all-round development in schools is another factor as there is much rote learning. Parent-teacher meetings in schools should focus on these issues rather than glorifying academic excellence. The onus is on governments to issue directives to teachers and parents and help in all-round development of pupils.

A.V. NARAYANAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Serena's imprint

Serena Williams will be remembered for long as she leaves behind a legacy that younger players will find hard to emulate. For Ms. Williams, it was dedication, commitment and consistency throughout her long and illustrious career.

R. NARAYAN,
Bengaluru

Public health need not be led by doctors alone

It is a separate profession requiring a specific set of competencies

ANAND KRISHNAN

It is common for heads of health services at national, state or district levels in India to be orthopaedic or cardiac surgeons or ophthalmologists who have no training in public health. There is also suboptimal representation of public health professionals in State and Central advisory bodies of health. During the pandemic, many doctors with no training in public health provided expert advice on public health issues. This is because it is felt that public health does not require specific competencies, and anyone can do this work.

A poor understanding

Public health is essentially multi-disciplinary and means different things to different people. Many, even within public health, have a poor understanding of it. For example, recent Central government guidelines specify an MBBS degree to be a prerequisite for becoming a public health specialist. Some people have commented on the exclusion of grassroots public health workers – ASHA workers, auxiliary nurse midwives and multipurpose workers – from the cadre.

Part of this confusion comes from not being able to differentiate between public health as a discipline and the public health sector. All those who work for the State or Central government are public sector health workers, but they are not doing public health. Providing medical care at a primary health centre does not make the person a public health professional. Also, health workers have no training in public health; they are grassroots-level service providers. Asking them to be part of public health cadre trivialises the profession of public health. It is important to understand that public health is a separate profession with a specific set of competencies.

I use four 'A' s – academics, activism, administration and advocacy – to describe public health work. Academics refers to a good understanding of evidence generation and synthesis by having a good grounding in epidemiology and biostatistics. These competencies are also critical for monitoring and evaluating programmes, conducting surveillance, and interpreting data and routine reporting.

If academics is the brain behind the discipline, activism is at the heart of it. Public health is inherently linked to 'social change' and an element of activism is core to public health. Public health requires social mobilisation at the grassroots level by understanding community needs, community organisation, etc. This requires grounding in social and behavioural sciences. It also includes the study of how non-health determinants, including social and commercial factors, influence health and how these can be addressed.

Administration refers to administering health systems at different levels: from a primary health centre to the district, State, and national level. This includes implementing and managing health programmes, addressing human resource issues, supply and logistical issues, etc. It includes microplanning of programme delivery, team building, leadership as well as financial management to some extent. A good understanding of the principles of organisational management and health administration is key for acquiring this competency.

The final function is related to advocacy at different levels. In public health, there is little that one can do at an individual level; there must be communication with key stakeholders to change the status quo at different levels of government. This requires clear enunciation of the need, analysis of alternative set of actions and the cost of implementation or non-implementation. Good communication and negotiation skills are critical to perform this function. The related subjects are health policy, health economics, health advocacy and global health. These four functionalities can be applied to any specific or general problem such as environment or nutrition or infectious disease and can be considered to be similar to super-specialisation in other medical fields. Pandemic management required all the four competencies in equal measure.

Training

Training in these competencies in India is provided through a three-year MD in Community Medicine and a two-year Masters in Public Health. The first is exclusively reserved for doctors (the extra year is devoted to provision of medical care), while the second is open to non-medical persons as well. In addition to classroom teaching, public health trainees are posted in communities and at different levels of the health system. Such exposure helps them put all these competencies together to evolve into trained public health professionals. The trainees develop a systems approach and a long-term perspective, which are the crux of this discipline. This is different from a clinical approach, which is focused on individuals and where the time-frame is usually short, if not immediate.

None of the four core public health functions need a medical qualification. The training mentioned above has nothing to do with the human body. Unlike clinical disciplines, it does not divide humans into organs or systems. It is important to recognise that the organ-/system-based medical training inculcates a deeper but narrower thinking as appropriate to it, but this is inappropriate for a broader public health approach aimed at working with communities or health systems. While one could argue that medical knowledge helps understand health issues better, one could also contend that this is not the most effective use of the years spent learning medicine.

Historically in India, public health has been medicalised as it was largely a medical college-driven discipline. It is the resistance of this medicalised public health fraternity that explains the continuing need for a public health professional to have a medical degree. This has also resulted in denying nursing, dental, and other health professionals to contribute more to public health. This needs to go in national interest.

Many doctors and other health professionals work at the grassroots level and develop a good sense of public health due to their inclination. But they do not become public health professionals as they may not have the necessary skills. Nevertheless, they are valuable. Clinicians with training in epidemiology and biostatistics would not qualify to be public health professionals as they lack not only other essential and critical expertise but also an appropriate perspective. Short training or even a year-long distance learning course cannot create a public health professional in the same way that it cannot create a physician or a cardiologist.

It is critical that health professionals, the government, and the public recognise public health as a specific set of competencies and give it the importance that it deserves. The Health Ministry's recent proposal for the creation of cadres for public health professionals and health management at the State, district and block levels is a welcome step. However, it is not sufficient. There is also a need to look at the quality of public health training being provided. Only this will attract the best and the brightest people into this discipline, which is very important for the nation's health. This is one lesson that we should learn from the pandemic.

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Funding public education

The idea that higher education could be funded fully by students or their parents is grossly misplaced

FURQAN QAMAR

A few days before India celebrated the 75th year of Independence, Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan said in reply to a debate in the Lok Sabha that people should let go of the idea that universities must be funded only by the government. His remarks are only a corollary to the General Financial Rules of 2017, which encourage all autonomous bodies to maximise generation of internal resources and attain self-sufficiency (Rule 229(iv)). Still, the Minister's remarks shocked many, for only a week earlier, while launching education and skill development-related initiatives to mark two years of the launch of the National Education Policy (NEP), Home Minister Amit Shah had said that the public education system is the basis of a vibrant democratic society.

The National Education Policy's vision

The NEP 2020 envisaged that it would "promote increased access, equity, and inclusion through a range of measures, including greater opportunities for outstanding public education." It also provided an assurance that the autonomy of public institutions would be backed by adequate public funding. The NEP noted that public expenditure on education in India was nowhere close to the 6% of GDP envisaged by the 1968 policy, reiterated in the 1986 policy, and reaffirmed in the 1992 review of the policy. Against this backdrop, it was gratifying that the 2020 policy endorsed a substantial increase in public investment by the Central and State governments to reach 6% of GDP at the earliest. Elaborating on the reasons, NEP 2020 said this level of public funding was "extremely critical for achieving the high-quality and equitable public education system that is truly needed for India's future economic, social, cultural, intellectual progress and growth."

Going by the National Education Commission, also known as the Kothari Commission, which was the precursor to the 1968 policy, higher education should have been getting at least 2% of GDP. In contrast, the expenditure on higher education by the Centre and the States taken together nosedived from 0.86% of GDP in 2010-11 to a measly 0.52% in 2019-20 (Budge Estimates, or BE). It is disquieting that the Centre's expenditure on higher education dropped from 0.33% of GDP in 2010-11 to a mere 0.16% in 2019-20 (BE). The decline in public investment in higher education does not appear due to the fall in the receipts of the Central government. The revenue receipt of the Union government went up three times from ₹7.51 lakh crore in 2011-12 to ₹22.04 lakh crore in 2022-23 (BE). So have total receipts, from ₹13.07 lakh crores in 2011-12 to ₹39.44 lakh crore in 2022-23 (BE). In contrast, the Union government's expenditure on higher education as a percentage of revenue receipt saw a decline from 2.60% in 2011-12 to 1.85% in 2022-23 (BE). As a percentage of the total receipt, the allocation for higher education fell from 1.49% to 1.04% during the corresponding period.

Consequence of privitisation

Higher education in India is already highly privatised. Most private higher education institutions are run on a self-financed basis, a euphemism for full cost-recovering institutions. Besides, private tendencies have also penetrated deeply into public higher education. The thrust for resource mobilisation, internal revenue generation, cross-subsidisation, resource use efficiency, cost reduction, accelerated cost recovery and enhanced user charges may further exacerbate the trend. The most obvious consequence would be a substantial increase in fees and other charges from students. The idea that higher education could be funded fully by the students or their parents out of their savings or through bank borrowings appears grossly misplaced in the Indian context.

The NEP 2020 envisages enrolment in higher education to be nearly double by 2035. Considering the fact that the social and economic elites, the rich and the affluent, have already crossed a gross enrolment ratio of 100%, the future growth in higher education has to come from the socio-economically disadvantaged groups. Would these people be able to afford full-cost recovery from their higher education institutions?

Disputes about the levels of poverty apart, it is now a reality that 62.5% of our population have to be provided free ration to save them from destitution. No nation would want to deprive such a vast section of accessing higher education. Higher education in India may have had its failings, but it has served the nation rather well. It has played a critical role in sustaining the $2.8 trillion economy that India has become today. But for enhanced investment in higher education, our vision of a $5 trillion economy and the aspiration of becoming a high-income developed country could be jeopardised.

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STATE OF PLAY

A wake-up call to protect the past

After years of its heritage being under threat, Telangana finally appears to be getting its act together

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Last Sunday, Charminar turned 444 years, according to the Hijri calendar. Heritage walks, photo exhibitions and lectures were held to mark the occasion. But despite Hyderabad being a historical city, its built and natural heritage are under threat from the State government and the real estate lobby. With its heritage under threat, the city's fabric and identity markers are being erased. While the Central Vista project in New Delhi and the Kashi Vishwanath temple corridor project in Varanasi attracted public attention, Telangana's experiments with heritage have escaped scrutiny.

Hyderabad was the second city in the country after Bombay to have a city-specific heritage and zoning laws. In 1995, Regulation 13 was added to the Hyderabad Urban Development Authority Zoning Regulations for the purpose of conserving buildings, artefacts, structures and precincts of historical, aesthetical, architectural and cultural value. The Heritage Conservation Committee was given the duty of identifying "heritage buildings" that required government protection. A total of 151 buildings were identified and notified according to importance.

But in 2017, on the plank of regional pride, the State government brought in the Telangana Heritage (Protection, Preservation Conservation and Maintenance) Act, three years after the creation of Telangana. Instead of creating a protocol to protect the State's heritage, the new law removed protection for nearly all the heritage sites in Telangana. Finally, the Telangana High Court had to step in when the State government wanted to demolish a 150-year-old palace of a Nawab to build the new State Legislative Assembly. The court ruled against the scrapping of Regulation 13 and scuppered the plan to demolish the palace. The court said, "It is an imperative duty of the State to preserve the heritage buildings which contribute to the sense of culture and sense of identity of the city. The State cannot afford the luxury of forgetting that the destruction of heritage building will rob its people the essence of their identity, and will deprive the city its sense of uniqueness. While it is important to plan for the future, it is equally important to protect, to preserve and to promote the past."

While the onus might be on the state to protect the city's heritage, a complex web of ownership and stakeholders are proving to be additional challenges in preserving whatever remains. Recently, the new owners of King Kothi Palace brought down parts of the structure before city officials stepped in to stop the destruction of the Baroque-Gothic home of the last Nizam, Osman Ali Khan. Poet and freedom fighter Sarojini Naidu's former residence, which is in need of conservation, is under the jurisdiction of the University of Hyderabad. The outlying areas of Golconda Fort have been overrun by encroachments in the absence of land-ownership records with the Revenue Department.

But there is hope. After the 13th Century Ramappa Temple in Palampet was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 2021, the State has appeared to get its act together. It recently notified the creation of State and city-level heritage conservation committees. Residency Building has been restored and is now open to visitors for a small price. The Qutb Shahi tombs are being restored by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture. The government is expected to incur expenditure of ₹560 crore to restore the nearly century-old Osmania General Hospital on the banks of the Musi river and construct a new health block. This is a far cry from the time when politicians demanded that the 1920 Vincent Esch building be razed to the ground to make way for a new hospital. Is Telangana set to protect and cherish its heritage? These are early signs.

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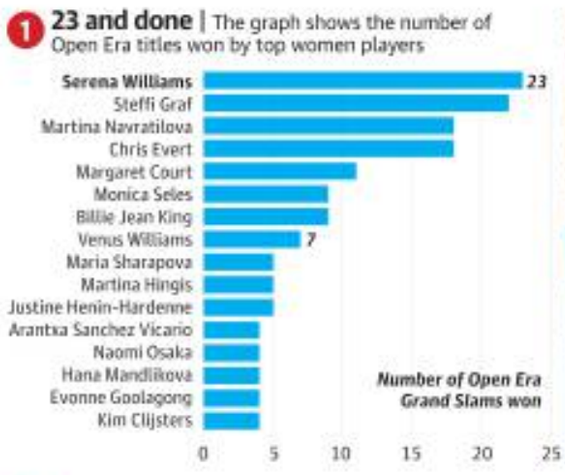
DATA POINT

G.O.A.T. Serena retires

After a career spanning nearly 27 years, tennis legend Serena Williams played her "last match" in the U.S. Open last Monday. Expressing her dislike for the word "retirement", the 23-time Grand Slam winner said in a recent article in Vogue magazine that she is "evolving away from tennis, toward other things that are important." In the close to 10,000 days that she played the game, Serena surpassed Steffi Graf (22 wins) to become the woman player with the highest number of singles Grand Slam titles in the Open Era. She was dominant in the Australian Open, Wimbledon, and the US Open tournaments and less so in the French Open. She is also the only woman player to win Grand Slams after the age of 34 in the Open Era. By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

1 23 and done | The graph shows the number of Open Era titles won by top women players

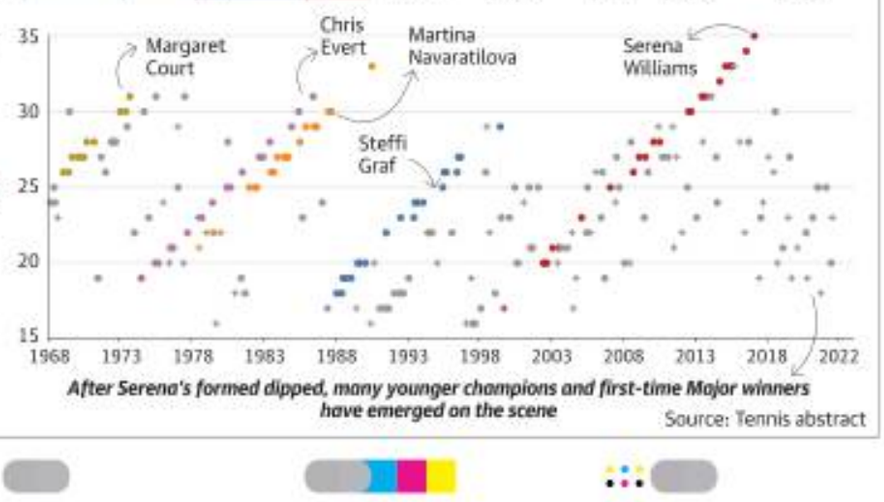


2 Score card The table shows Serena's Grand Slam results.

R: Round; **QF**: Quarter-finals; **SF**: Semi-finals; **F**: Finals; **W**: Tournament wins; **Strike rate**: Title wins/tournaments completed; **W-L**: Win-Loss record **Win %**: Wins as a share of total matches played

Year	Australian Open	French Open	Wimbledon	US Open
1998	2R	4R	3R	3R
1999	3R	3R		W
2000	4R		SF	QF
2001	QF	QF	QF	F
2002		W	W	W
2003	W	SF	W	
2004		QF	F	QF
2005	W		3R	4R
2006	3R			4R
2007	W	QF	QF	QF
2008	QF	3R	F	W
2009	W	QF	W	SF
2010	W	QF	W	
2011			4R	F
2012	4R	1R	W	W
2013	QF	W	4R	W
2014	4R	2R	3R	W
2015	W	W	W	SF
2016	F	F	W	SF
2017	W			
2018		4R	F	F
2019	QF	3R	F	F
2020	3R	2R	NH	SF
2021	SF	4R	1R	
2022			1R	3R
Strike rate	*7/20*	*3/19*	*7/21*	*6/21*
W-L	*92-13*	*69-14*	*98-14*	*108-15*
Win %	*88%*	*83%*	*88%*	*88%*

3 Ageless wonder The graph shows the age of Grand Slam winners. + refers to breakthrough wins i.e., when a player wins their first Major title. Serena ● won 9 Majors after turning 30, a feat unmatched in the Open Era. She won twice after turning 34, a first for women players in the Open Era. Martina Navaratilova ●, who won Wimbledon aged 33 in 1990, comes closest to this feat



After Serena's formed dipped, many younger champions and first-time Major winners have emerged on the scene

Source: Tennis abstract

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 6, 1972

Munich Olympic games suspended

Munich, Sept. 5: The 20th Olympic games were temporarily suspended to-day after a Palestinian Arab vengeance squad shot its way into the Israeli quarters of the Olympic village, killed two Israeli men and seized nine Israeli hostages. The guerrillas threatened to kill their captives unless they were allowed to fly them to an Arab country. They set one more deadline – 5 p.m. (21:30 IST) after a midday deadline expired. As the deadline approached, dozens of police, some carrying machine guns, surrounded the complex and took up battle positions. A number of Israelis were able to escape through the heroism of the two who died. Wrestling coach Moshe Weinburg, 33, fell in front of the Israeli building where he apparently intercepted the raiders. Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, ordered suspension of the games for 24 hours or until the hostages were freed – as had been demanded an hour earlier by the Israeli Prime Minister Mrs. Golda Meir, who summoned an emergency session of the Israeli Parliament to discuss the situation. Following is the text of the statement announcing the suspension of the Olympic Games. "Olympic peace was ruined by a murderous attack by criminal terrorists. The entire civilised world condemns this barbaric act with disgust. In respect for the victims and in anxiety over the fate of the still held hostages, the events of to-day's afternoon will be suspended. The competitions underway will be completed. A memorial service for the dead will be held tomorrow at the Olympic stadium. This service should make clear the Olympic idea is stronger than terror and violence."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPT. 6, 1922

List of special business

Simla, Sept. 5: A list of special business for the sittings of the Assembly and the Council of State on the 6th and 7th September respectively has been issued in both houses. It relates to either introduction of new legislative measures or to consideration of further stages of bills already introduced. New Bills to be introduced in the Assembly on the 6th are those amending the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, Court Fees Act, consolidating and amending the law relating to steam boilers in India, amending Official Trustees and Administration General Act and Negotiable Instruments Act and another removing the restrictions imposed on the transfer of ship registered in British India.

FROM PAGE ONE

Soren wins trust vote in Jharkhand Assembly

On August 25, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey told journalists that the ECI had sent a notice on the office-of-profit case to the Governor, stating that Mr. Soren's membership would be disqualified. A few UPA MLAs later met the Governor to submit a memo, seeking to clear the air on the issue.

Mr. Bais promised to clarify but left for Delhi instead.

Truss wins Conservative race to be U.K.'s next PM

The U.K. is grappling with soaring inflation – the kind it has not seen in some four decades (currently above 10%), a looming recession, energy bills that could send many Britons into fuel poverty and an ongoing war in Europe between Russia and Ukraine.

"I campaigned as a Conservative and I will govern as a Conservative," Ms. Truss said, as she promised to cut taxes, deliver growth, improve the National Health Service (NHS) and deal with the energy bill crisis. She had said over the weekend that within a week of entering No. 10, she would deliver a plan to immediately address energy prices and a longer-term energy supply strategy.

Whether to cut taxes or focus first on inflation became central to the debate between Ms. Truss and Mr. Sunak, a 42-year-old Indian-origin businessman-turned- politician.

Borrowing to finance tax cuts was not the Conservative way, Mr. Sunak had argued.

While he did not speak at the auditorium, he sent out a tweet in which he thanked everyone who voted for him and said that it was time to unite behind the new Prime Minister "as she steers the country through difficult times."

"I've said throughout that the Conservatives are one family, " he wrote. Shortly after the news of her victory broke, Prime Minister Modi congratulated Ms. Truss.

"Confident that under your leadership, the India-U.K. Comprehensive Strategic Partnership will be further strengthened. Wish you the very best for your new role and responsibilities," he said on Twitter.

India and the U.K. - which have about GBP 25.7 billion ($29.6 billion) in bilateral trade - are currently negotiating a free-trade agreement under a comprehensive multi-dimensional plan to deepen ties, called the '2030 U.K.-India Roadmap', launched last year. The U.K. had also announced an "Indo-Pacific tilt" in its March 2021 Integrated Review of Security, Defence and Development Policy.

Fifth-largest economy

India has overtaken the U.K. according to International Monetary Fund (IMF) projections, to become the fifth-largest economy in the world. Speaking at an event on Monday, Mr. Modi had said the "pleasure of surpassing" India's former imperial ruler superseded the "mere statistics" of an improved ranking.

Heavy rain batters IT parks in Bengaluru

IMD officials said Bengaluru received a record amount of 131.6 mm rainfall on Sunday, making it the third highest single day rainfall the city has ever recorded. Previously, 18 cm rainfall was recorded in one day in 1988 and 132.3 mm rainfall was recorded in 2014.

The Bellandur lake, Hallenayakanahalli and Varthur lakes breached their boundaries again on Monday. Many major roads in the city were inundated, including Mysuru Road, Bannerghatta Road, BTM Layout, JP Nagar, Indiranagar, Balagere road, Sarjapura, Malleswaram, CBD roads, Mekhri Circle, and Koramangala, according to the traffic police.

The inundation of the city also impacted city bus services operated on Outer Ring Road (ORR). Inundation of Carmelaram Railway Station and stagnation of water at the level crossing resulted in delayed operations of four trains between Bengaluru-Salem sections.

Overflowing of the Bheemeshwara river in Mandya district affected the drinking water supply to Bengaluru as two pumping stations in the region, from where Cauvery water is pumped out, were inundated. The pumps are expected to be fully functional again by Wednesday. Many schools and colleges declared a holiday on Monday.

Pakistan takes back body of infiltrator

"We handed over the body around 11.06 a.m.," Dr. Manmeet Kaur, a doctor in Poonch, said. It is a rare instance that Pakistan accepted the body of a Pakistani terrorist, officials said. Since the Kargil war in 1999, Pakistan has refused to accept bodies of slain militants who hailed from the other side of the border.

Hussain is a resident of Sabzkot village, Kotli, PoK. The terrorist, according to the Army, had confessed about the plan to attack the Indian Army post. "Hussain was sent by a Colonel of the Pakistan Intelligence Agency named Colonel Yunus Chaudhry who had paid him 30,000 Pakistani Rupees.," the Army said.

Husain was earlier captured by the Indian Army from the same sector in 2016 along with his brother Haroon Ali, according to the Army.

Meanwhile, a bullet-ridden body of the brother of a Jaish-e-Muhammad 'commander' was recovered in Shopian of south Kashmir, the Jammu and Kashmir police said.

The police identified the victim as Manzoor Ahmad Nangroo, 30, from Pulwama's Hanjan, Rajpura. "The body was found in an orchard in Shopian in suspicious condition with bullet injury. An investigation has been initiated," the police said.

The police sources said Nangroo is the brother of Ashiq Nangroo, a JeM 'commander' operating from Pakistan. A police spokesperson said preliminary investigation revealed that Nangroo was returning from their work on Sunday evening.

"Terrorists waiting in a vehicle at Aglar intercepted them and forcibly abducted four persons. Nangroo was taken along by the abductors. Investigation reveled that the killing is the work of terrorists due to rivalry between them," the police said.

Pacts on water, power, defence likely as Hasina arrives in Delhi

Bangladesh PM expects India's help in the repatriation process of Rohingya

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

India and Bangladesh are expected to sign at least seven agreements on Tuesday covering diverse areas such as water sharing, connectivity, defence and trade, *The Hindu* has learnt. The agreements will be sealed following official-level talks that Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will hold with her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi in New Delhi. Ms. Hasina arrived here on Monday afternoon and was welcomed by Indian High Commissioner to Dhaka Vikram Doraiswamy and Minister of State for Railways and Textiles Darshana Jardosh.

Ms. Hasina prayed at the shrine of the Sufi saint Nizamuddin here and later, in the evening, she met with senior diplomats, journalists and professionals at an interaction organised by the Bangladesh High Commission.

Speaking to journalists at a reception at the Bangladesh High Commission on Monday, Ms. Hasina confirmed that she would raise two contentious issues on the river water agreements and Rohingya refugees during her talks with Mr. Modi.

Warm welcome: Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina after arriving in New Delhi on Monday. • V.V. KRISHNAN

"India is a very big country, and can do a lot for the Rohingya, especially in helping their repatriation back," Ms. Hasina said in response to a question from *The Hindu* on what she hoped from India. While the Bangladesh Prime Minister declined to speak about the long-pending Teesta agreement in particular, she said the two countries could cooperate in a number of ways, and suggested that India consider a Line of Credit for dredging and desilting river beds to prevent flooding, as well as to regenerate and revive streams.

'Fast growing economy'

"Bangladesh is now considered as one of the fastest growing economies in the world. The proportion of our population living below the poverty line has fallen from 31% to nearly 20.5%," said High Commissioner Mohammed Imran.

Among the agreements that are being planned for Tuesday is the one on the Kushiyara river near Assam. The Joint River Commission Meeting on August 25 had finalised the text of the Kushiyara river agreement. It also had agreed to expand cooperation to areas such as reduction of pollution in the cross-border rivers. India has been sharing real-time flood data with Bangladesh, the period of which has now been further extended.

Sources informed that both sides have started moving on defence-related agreements, including portable and prefabricated bridges that increase mobility for the armed forces.

A major focus is also on the power sector. Bangladesh is buying 1,160 MW of power from India and this is expected to go up in the coming period.

Chittagong Hill Tracts

The Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh should be declared a "region of peace", a coalition of Chakma community organisations has said. The call for the zone of peace in the Chittagong hills came a little after Ms. Hasina arrived in Delhi.

"Though the Chittagong Hill Tracts [CHT] Accord was signed on December 2, 1997, key provisions of the accord, especially handing over of law and order and supervision of the three Hill District Councils of Bandarban, Khagrachhari and Rangamati to the CHT Regional Council, withdrawal of the Bangladesh Army camps established within the CHT, remain unimplemented 25 years after signing of the accord," said Rashik Mohan Chakma, president of the Chakma National Council of India, Mizoram in a statement.

'Teesta delay holding up Hilsa fish supply to India'

Hasina playfully chides Indian govt.

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

Playfully chiding the Indian government for failing to deliver on the Teesta water sharing agreement, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday said the treaty, held up since 2011 due to differences between the Centre and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, was also holding up Hilsa fish supplies to India.

"You [India] aren't giving us enough water, so I can't give you Hilsa fish right now. But I promise I will be able to supply Hilsa by the upcoming Puja season [in October]," she said, laughing, during a diplomatic reception in Delhi, in a reference to the lower water flows in the Teesta and other rivers.

India and Bangladesh are expected to sign some agreements on joint management of rivers on Tuesday, and discuss a number of ways to cooperate on water sharing.

In an indicator of how important the issue is on the bilateral agenda, the Bangladesh High Commission, which hosted the special reception for Ministers, diplomats and military officers in Delhi, had named each of the tables at the dinner after a Bangladeshi river, including Teesta, Megna, Padma, Khowai and Kushiyara.

When asked about whether she would meet Ms. Banerjee during the visit to New Delhi (September 5-8), Ms. Hasina said she wanted to meet the West Bengal Chief Minister, like on her previous visits, but learned that Ms. Banerjee had not come to Delhi.

"Mamata is like my sister, and we can meet anytime. Some ties are personal, beyond politics, like my relations with the Gandhis," Ms. Hasina told journalists, in a reference to Congress president Sonia Gandhi .

Ms. Hasina spoke emotionally about her visit upon arrival to the Nizamuddin Sufi shrine on Monday.

She explained that she had first visited the Dargah, that dates back to 1325 AD, on April 9, 1981, while she lived in exile in Delhi after her father's assassination.

"I had an unusual feeling about the visit, it was a very spiritual place. I then went and read my father's [Bangladesh founder Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's] diary and realised he had visited the Nizamuddin dargah on the same day on April 9, in 1946," Ms. Hasina said.

On Thursday, the Bangladesh Prime Minister will visit the Ajmer Sharif Dargah in Rajasthan.

Court hears pleas on ED chief's tenure

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Monday questioned in the Supreme Court the bona fide of political leaders who have filed public interest cases about the tenure extensions granted to the ED chief even as petitioners retorted that "piecemeal" lengthening of service has a tendency to affect independent functioning of officers heading agencies that investigate cases.

The exchange occurred before a Bench, which was hearing a batch of petitions filed by the likes of Randeep Singh Surjewala and Mahua Moitra. The court listed it for disposal on September 19.

CBI says Sisodia claim is 'misleading'

Delhi Deputy CM says CBI officer ended his life because of pressure to frame him

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The death of a CBI officer by suicide became a political issue in Delhi, with the AAP alleging that the officer had been under pressure to "illegally" frame Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, an allegation which the CBI termed "mischievous" and "misleading".

Mr. Sisodia on Monday alleged that CBI Deputy Legal Adviser Jitendra Kumar, who died by suicide last week, was under pressure to make a case against Mr. Sisodia in an "illegal" way and given permission to arrest, but the official did not do it.

"He was under so much pressure that he had to commit suicide," Mr. Sisodia said. "I want to tell the Prime Minister, if you want to arrest me, tell me, I'll come. But don't put pressure on officials."

Manish Sisodia

In a tweet later, Mr. Sisodia sought an independent inquiry, led by a retired Supreme Court judge, into the causes of the official's death.

A senior Delhi Police officer also said that the CBI official had not held anyone responsible for his death.

Responding to the allegations, the agency said, "CBI strongly refutes this mischievous and misleading statement by Shri Sisodia. It is clarified that the gentleman officer late Shri Jitendra Kumar was in no way connected with the investigation of this case."

"Further, as per the Delhi Police, which is conducting inquest into the death, the officer has not held anyone responsible for his death in his suicide note. The mischievous and misleading statement of Shri Sisodia is an attempt to divert attention from the ongoing investigation in Delhi Excise Policy case, and also amounting to interference in the inquest proceedings into the death of the gentleman officer," the statement read.

"I want to ask three questions to the Prime Minister. First, why is so much pressure being put on officials that they are forced to commit suicide? How much more will you torture your officials to attack your political opponents?" Mr. Sisodia asked. He also asked whether the Central government's only work was to carry out "operation lotus".

(Those who require assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts may contact Sanjivini, Society for Mental Health suicide prevention helpline 011-4076 9002 from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., Monday-Saturday)

Four killed, 10 hurt in hotel fire in U.P.

STAFF REPORTER
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Four people were killed and over 10 were injured in a massive fire that broke out at Hotel Levana in the Hazratganj area of Lucknow on Monday. The fire fighters and ambulances that reached the spot rescued 20 people from the three-storey building.

The Lucknow police arrested the owners of the hotel, Rohit Agarwal and Rahul Agarwal, along with the hotel's manager, Sagar Srivastava. The Lucknow Development Authority said the hotel did not have an emergency exit and many other rules were bypassed during the construction of the building.

SC asks if hijab can be allowed in school

Court to take up issue tomorrow

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday asked whether a student can exercise her private religious right to wear a hijab in a school which adheres to a dress code.

"You may have a right to wear a hijab, but can you wear that right to school," a Bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia formulated the substantial question of law on a batch of petitions filed by students from Karnataka who were prohibited entry into their classrooms for wearing hijab.

They have challenged a Karnataka High Court decision that wearing a hijab is not an essential practice of Islam. "The practice may be essential or it may not be essential. The question here is whether in a government institution, you can insist on carrying on your religious practice... because the Preamble to the Constitution states we are a secular country," Justice Gupta observed orally.

Senior advocate Rajeev Dhawan, for one of the students, said the students did not defy the dress code. They just wanted to wear a hijab in addition to their uniform. "Yes, there is a dress code. But can't I wear a hijab in addition to the dress code? There are a large number of women, in India and elsewhere, who choose to wear hijab. Does the dress code yield to them or do they yield to the dress code?" Mr. Dhawan asked.

He said the restriction on hijab extend to private institutions also. "I have seen in this court judges wearing tilak on their foreheads and insignia of Vaishnavism... I have seen in court too the portrait of a judge wearing a *pagdi*..." Mr. Dhawan argued.

"Wearing a *pagdi* was usual in royal States..." Justice Gupta said.

"A uniform must be uniform," Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia said.

"But can't the uniform be worn in a manner consistent with an individual's choice of her belief and morality... Can a government put students to the pain of banning them from their classrooms, which is like capital punishment for students, just because they are extra clad," senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, also for the students, argued.

The court adjourned the case to Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Indebted to my teachers, says President

Murmu bats for mother tongue as she honours 45 teachers across the country

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Monday conferred national awards on 45 teachers from across the country at a function held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, on Teachers' Day.

Marking the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced development and upgradation of 14,500 schools cross India under the Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana. The PM-SHRI schools are to have a modern, transformational and holistic method of imparting education. Mr. Modi said PM-SHRI schools would further benefit lakhs of students across India in the spirit of National Education Policy (NEP).

To the guru: President Droupadi Murmu paying homage to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, second President of India. • PTI

The President remembered her teachers and said it was the strength of the guidance of her family and teachers that helped her to become the first daughter of her village to attend college. She said she always felt indebted to her teachers for whatever she had achieved in life.

Ms. Murmu said science, research and innovation were the basis of development in today's knowledge economy.

Developing talent

"The development of original talent in science, literature, or the social sciences can be more effective through the mother tongue. It is our mothers who teach us the art of living in our early lives. That is why mother tongue is helpful in developing natural talent," she said.

" If teachers also teach in their mother tongue, then students can develop talent with ease. That is why in the National Education Policy 2020, emphasis has been laid on the use of Indian languages for school education and higher education," the President added.

Audit report flags fund misuse in M.P.

Opposition parties flay Chief Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
RAIPUR

A confidential 36-page report by the Madhya Pradesh Accountant-General has unearthed an alleged fraud to the tune of several crores in the State's nutrition programme for schoolchildren.

Since the audit report came to light, the Opposition Congress has been attacking Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan who supervises the Women and Child Development Department. The only response from the government till Monday evening was that the "report was not final".

Shivraj Singh Chouhan

The audit report observes that there was "large scale fraud/misappropriations etc. in the identification of beneficiaries, production, transportation, distribution and quality control of THR [Take Home Ration]". The THR is a component of the Supplementary Nutrition Programme, one of the services provided under the Integrated Child Development Scheme. THR comprises foodgrains and other items provided to address the nutritional requirements of 49.58 lakh beneficiaries – children, pregnant and nursing mothers, and adolescent girls.

While the department procured and distributed 4.05 tonnes of THR to these beneficiaries between 2018 and 2021 that cost the exchequer ₹2,393.21 crore, the auditor examined the THR given to 24% of the beneficiaries and found that there were several irregularities.

State Home Minister Narottam Mishra said that the audit report was not final but a part of the process.

Nitish begins Delhi trip with Rahul meet

Bihar Chief Minister to hold discussions with several leaders of the Opposition over the next two days

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AMARNATH TEWARY
NEW DELHI

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, on his first visit to New Delhi after breaking ties with the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance and returning to the *Mahagatbandhan* with the Rashtriya Janata Dal, met former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday evening at the latter's residence.

The Congress is an ally in the *Mahagatbandhan*, or grand alliance, and has two Ministers in the Bihar Cabinet.

Mr. Kumar's last meeting with the Congress leadership was with party chief Sonia Gandhi in April 2017, just two months before he broke ties with the RJD over corruption cases against then Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav and returned to the NDA midway through the tenure of the *Mahagatbandhan* government that was elected in 2015.

Monday's meeting with Mr. Gandhi comes under vastly different circumstances with Mr. Kumar making a renewed effort of stitching together an anti-BJP front ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

The way ahead: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar met RJD chief Lalu Prasad in Patna before leaving for Delhi on Monday. •PTI

Patna has been plastered with JD(U) posters projecting Mr. Kumar as a possible candidate to lead such a front, though he has maintained that he is not a contender to be the prime ministerial face of the Opposition. He reiterated his view in Delhi.

"The coming together of the Opposition will create a good *mahaul* (atmosphere). I have no desire and no aspiration to become Prime Minister," Mr. Kumar told presspersons here.

Mr. Kumar, who is on a three-day tour of the national capital, will meet Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal; former Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy; Left leaders Sitaram Yechury and D. Raja, Nationalist Congress Party patriarch Sharad Pawar and former Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala.

Building bridges

Telangana Rashtra Samithi president and Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao had met Mr. Kumar in Patna last week. According to sources, the Janata Dal (U) wants Mr. Kumar to meet Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Mr. Patnaik, who was in Delhi for the past couple of days, is leaving on Tuesday.

According to the Biju Janata Dal leaders, there is no scope of the two meeting in Delhi.

The Trinamool Congress, meanwhile, is keeping a careful distance. The party leaders insisted that a pre-poll alliance between the Opposition parties is not possible and that every regional force should fight the BJP in their respective States.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Kumar, before leaving for Delhi, met RJD chief Lalu Prasad in Patna. He drove to the official residence of former Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi, wife of Mr. Prasad, at 10 Circular Road and was welcomed by Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav. "Yes, we met and discussed some political issues. The meetings between us should be on a regular basis," Mr. Kumar told presspersons.

During the two-day national executive and council meetings of the JD(U) that concluded on Sunday, Mr. Kumar asserted that if the Opposition parties were to unite, the BJP would be reduced to 50 seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha election. The JD (U) would never ally with the BJP again, Mr. Kumar said, terming his decision of July 2017 to return to the NDA a "mistake".

Congress allows different views, says Jairam Ramesh

Amid rumblings over poll procedure, he says party is united

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The party is united and leaders are allowed to express their views openly as there is no dictatorship in the Congress, the party's communication head, Jairam Ramesh, said on Monday.

His remarks came amid the BJP's digs, and former party stalwart Ghulam Nabi Azad's comment that the party needs to focus on "Congress *jodo*" (unite Congress) instead of the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

"Those who are disgruntled in the Congress, they keep giving statements. But I think the party is united today," Mr. Ramesh told presspersons.

"The Congress is a big family and there are people of different views. We are a democratic party, people air their views openly – some write letters, some tweet, some give an interview – and this shows democracy. There is no dictatorship in our party, we don't silence anyone," he added.

Jairam Ramesh

"I don't want to say anything about them, I have already spoken about them," Mr. Ramesh said in a reference to Mr. Azad, adding, "But to say that 'Congress *jodo*' should be our priority, that is wrong. For us, the priority is to unite the country."

In the past few weeks, the party's leadership has been at the receiving end from some members of G-23 or the ginger group that has been pushing for internal reforms for the past two years.

Anand Sharma and Manish Tewari have been seeking a transparent presidential poll by demanding that the list of electors be made public. So, when their absence from the *Mehangai Par Halla Bol* rally on Sunday was being questioned, the Lok Sabha member [Mr. Tewari], who is abroad, put out a tweet.

"A memory Jog. It was I who opened the price rise debate in the Lok Sabha on 1st of August 2022," Mr. Tewari said in a tweet. Though he did not elaborate on his cryptic tweet, it is being interpreted as a counter to the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, who credited Mr. Gandhi for the price rise debate in Parliament.

On the draw

Rahul announces slew of promises in Gujarat

Free electricity, farm loan waiver up to ₹3 lakh, LPG cylinder for ₹500 among election promises

MAHESH LANGA
AHMEDABAD

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday announced a host of promises, including free electricity, farm loan waiver, compensation to COVID-hit families, 10 lakh new jobs and 3,000 new English medium schools for the people of Gujarat, if the Congress is voted to power in the State.

The Assembly poll for the State is scheduled in December. Addressing Congress booth workers at a rally in Ahmedabad, Mr. Gandhi also promised to provide gas cylinder for ₹500, subsidy to dairy farmers and free education to girls.

"The BJP government in Gujarat will waive loans of top industrialists, but have you ever heard of them waiving loans of farmers? I promise to waive loans of up to ₹3 lakh for each farmer after we come to power in Gujarat," he said.

Taking on the BJP government in the State, Mr. Gandhi stressed that the Congress followed the ideology of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who worked for farmers, built institutions such as Amul and fought colonial powers.

Reference to Sardar Patel

"For who did Sardar Patel fight for and why? Sardar Patel was not just a human being. You built the statue of his body, but he was not just a human, he was the voice of the farmers of Gujarat and India. Whatever he said was for the benefit of the farmers of Gujarat and India," Mr. Gandhi said as he tried to contrast the BJP's ideology with that of the legendary freedom fighter.

His 30-minute speech referenced Sardar Patel many times and said that he gave voice to the farmers against the colonial powers while the BJP government tried to bring the farm laws "that were anti-farmer" and the government was forced to repeal them.

The Congress leader exhorted the party workers to ensure that the BJP was defeated in the coming elections, preparing them for a tough ideological battle against the BJP and the RSS.

He also reiterated his charge that "State institutions and media have been captured by the BJP government at the Centre" to deny a level-playing field and suppress the voice of the masses. After the rally, Mr. Gandhi visited Sabarmati Ashram to attend a prayer meeting and pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi ahead of his Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Bharat Yatris have to tough it out

Along with 118 members, Rahul too will sleep, eat at campsites for next 150 days

SOBHANA K. NAIR
SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

The Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra that begins on Wednesday will see 119 Bharat Yatris, including former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, staying on the road, cooking food at campsites and getting access to laundry once in three days for the next 150 days as their yatra (foot march) criss-crosses through 12 States, covering over 3,570 km from Kanniyakumari to Kashmir.

The travellers will be sleeping in 59 containers mounted on trucks. Except for Mr. Gandhi, who, because of his security detail, will have a container to himself, the other yatris have to bunk together. Majority of these containers will sleep 12 persons.

The average age of the participants in this walkathon is 38, the oldest participant is 58-year-old Vijendra Singh Mahlawat of Rajasthan and the youngest are 25-year-old duo Ajam Jombla and Bem Bai from Arunachal Pradesh. Only 28 of these 119 participants are women.

Gearing up: Congress leaders at a press conference regarding the Bharat Jodo Yatra in New Delhi on Monday. •PTI

Majority of the yatris have already assembled at the starting point in Kanniyakumari. "Age is not really a factor. I would have joined this mission that our leader Rahul Gandhi is leading, even if I was 98. And anyway, I have already cautioned my fellow travellers who are much younger than me that I am going to outstrip them," Mr. Mahlawat said over the phone.

While Mr. Mahlawat has been in the party for three decades, Mr. Bai from Itanagar joined only three years ago. Mr. Bai agrees that the scope and scale of the journey is daunting and his family was not too keen on his joining. "My biggest motivation to join the yatra is to highlight the plight of many young people like myself who are struggling to find employment. This is a serious problem eating into our prime years," Mr. Bai said.

119 core yatris

Along with 119 core yatris, security personnel, party's communication team which includes photographers, social media personnel and a medical team will travel with the yatra taking the core number of travellers to 300.

The yatris have been told to wear white to maintain uniformity and will have access to laundry only once in three days, when they are expected to reach the cities.

The yatra is expected on an average to cover 22-23 km a day, walking in morning from 7 a.m. till 10 a.m. and then a break to begin again at 3.30 p.m. till 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, after an hour-long prayer meeting at Sriperumbudur, Mr. Gandhi will reach Kanniyakumari at 3 p.m. Before the launch of the yatra, Mr. Gandhi will visit Vivekananda Rock Memorial, Thiruvalluvar Statue and Kamaraj Memorial in Kanniyakumari.

Then he will move to Mahatma Gandhi Mandapam where Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will hand him over the Tricolour. The actual journey will begin on Thursday.

The *padayatra* will reach Kerala on September 11 and will traverse through the State for the next 18 days, reaching Karnataka on September 30.

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Uddhav deceived BJP: Amit Shah

He tells party cadre to teach Thackeray faction a lesson in BMC poll

SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE
PUNE

Upping the ante against Uddhav Thackeray and his Shiv Sena faction ahead of the crucial Brihanmumbai Corporation (BMC) election, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday lashed out at the Shiv Sena president, accusing Mr. Thackeray of deceiving the BJP during the Sena-BJP alliance in the past, while exhorting his party cadre to teach the Thackeray faction a lesson in the upcoming civic body election.

Mr. Shah, along with Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, addressed BJP office-bearers and MLAs in a closed meeting at the *Meghdoot* in south Mumbai.

"The BJP has never made the 'bigger brother-smaller brother' comment. It is your [Uddhav's] arrogance that is responsible for the Sena being the smaller party today," the Home Minister said.

"In 2019, Mr. Thackeray and the Sena had sought votes in the name of PM Narendra Modi and Devendra Fadnavis [then CM candidate of the BJP-Sena coalition]. It was decided that CM would be from the BJP . But later, Uddhav Thackeray betrayed us and backstabbed the BJP by allying with the NCP and the Congress so that he could become CM... I am witness to the entire chronology," Mr. Shah said.

Serious fault lines in the BJP-Sena alliance had first emerged after the two long-standing allies of more than 25 years decided to independently contest the 2014 Assembly election.

However, the two parties formed an uneasy coalition after the 2014 election which lasted till 2019. The final rupture came after the 2019 Assembly election when Mr. Thackeray fell-out with the BJP over the CM post and allied with the NCP and Congress .

"The time had come to show the Thackeray faction its place and finish off anti-Hindutva politics from Maharashtra," he said.

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Centre seeks time for decision on students who fled Ukraine

It tells Supreme Court that consultation with the Health Ministry is required

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Monday in the Supreme Court indicated that the Ministry of External Affairs may have taken a "favourable view" towards allowing Indian students who fled strife-torn Ukraine to continue their medical studies in India even as it sought time to consult the Union Health Ministry.

Appearing before a Bench led by Justice Hemant Gupta, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta sought time to consult the Health Ministry, which he said was the nodal Ministry in the issue.

The court adjourned the case to September 15.

The court had earlier issued notice to the government on a batch of seven writ petitions seeking relief for nearly 20,000 students who had returned from Ukraine.

The petitioners had relied on a report by the Lok Sabha Committee on External Affairs to buttress their case. In that report, the committee had recommended the Health Ministry to consider accommodating these students in private medical colleges in India as a one-time measure.

Future tense: Indian students returning to Delhi from Ukraine, in this March 11 photo. • PTI

The petitioners had approached the court to intervene on their behalf with the government and the National Medical Commission. However, the court, in the previous hearing before issuing notice, had subjected the petitioners' lawyers to a round of tough questions.

"There are 20,000 students. Does India have the capacity to accommodate these students?" the court had asked.

However, senior advocate R. Basant and advocate Raghenth Basant had argued that the petitioners were no less meritorious than medical students studying in India.

They had pointed out that the students who went to Ukraine had cleared NEET, but could not secure admission due to the limited government seats. They could not have afforded the fees of private medical colleges in India, the advocates said.

Mr. Basant had said this was an extraordinary situation. The trouble in Ukraine had dashed the hopes of the students. They had invested their money in their education. The senior lawyer had submitted that the Centre had the power to help the students under the National Medical Commission Act.

Preventive detentions rose in 2021

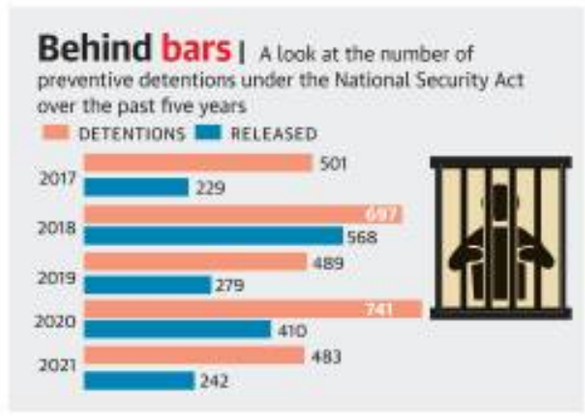
Number of people in custody or detained at the end of year highest since 2017

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

Preventive detentions in 2021 saw a rise by over 23.7% compared with the year before, with over 1.1 lakh people being placed under preventive detention, according to statistics released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) last month.

Of these, 483 were detentions under the National Security Act, of which almost half (241) were either in custody or still detained as of 2021-end. Over 24,500 people placed under preventive detention were either in custody or still detained as of 2021-end – the highest since 2017 when the NCRB started recording this data.

In 2017, the NCRB's *Crime in India* report found that 67,084 persons had been detained as a preventive measure that year. Of these, 48,815 were released between one and six months of their detention and 18,269 were either in custody or still in preventive detention as of the end of the year.



The number of persons placed under detention has been increasing since 2017 – to over 98,700 in 2018 and over 1.06 lakh in 2019 – before dipping to 89,405 in 2020. Data pertaining to 2021 showed that 1,10,683 persons were placed under preventive detention last year, of which 24,525 were either in custody or still detained as of the end of the year and the rest were let go within one to six months.

While the number of persons placed under preventive detention has seen an increase in 2021, the NCRB data showed that the number of people arrested in such a manner under the National Security Act had dipped significantly compared with the year before.

Preventive detentions under the NSA increased to 741 in 2020. This number dropped to 483 in 2021.

Use of provision

Among other laws under which the NCRB has recorded data on preventive detentions are the Goonda Act (State and Central) (29,306), Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (1,331), and a category classified as "Other Detention Acts", under which most of the detentions were registered (79,514). Since 2017, the highest number of persons to be placed under preventive detention has consistently been under the "Other Detention Acts" category.

Shwetank Sailakwal, advocate-on-record, who has researched preventive detention laws and procedures in India, pointed out that several laws such as the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act also provide for making preventive detentions.

According to Section 151 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the police are empowered to make preventive arrests if they believe they must do so to prevent the commission of "any cognisable offence". This detention can be extended beyond 24 hours if required "under any other provisions of this Code or of any other law".

Cyrus Mistry's Mercedes-Benz had no airbags for rear seats

Ex-chairman of Tata Sons, friend weren't wearing seat belts

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Mercedes-Benz GLC 220d 4MATIC, the SUV former Tata Sons chairman Cyrus Mistry was travelling in on Sunday, comes with various safety features to protect passengers but just like other high-end cars, it has no airbags for the rear seats.

Mistry, 54, and his friend, Jahangir Pandole, were killed in an accident in Palghar district of Maharashtra on Sunday.

Anahita Pandole, 55, who was driving the 2017 version of the SUV, and her husband, Darius Pandole, 60, were seriously injured.

The Mercedes car comes with seven airbags overall. There are no front-facing airbags for rear passengers and just curtain airbags on the sides. Just like any other car, airbags are 'SRS', or supplementary restraint system. The primary restraint system remains the seat belt.

Fatal crash: The wreckage of the car in which Cyrus Mistry was travelling with three others. • PTI

It appears that both Mistry and Jahangir were not wearing seat belts and must have been thrown to the front at a great velocity once the car crashed into a divider. As per the preliminary investigation, speeding and "error of judgment" by the driver caused the accident, a police official said.

The car covered a distance of 20 km in just nine minutes after crossing the Charoti check post, 120 km from Mumbai, according to police officials.

'Arya Samaj certificates not proof of marriage'

HC dismisses *habeas corpus* petition

ISHITA MISHRA
NEW DELHI

The Allahabad High Court has recently dismissed a *habeas corpus* petition filed by a man to get back his wife. The petitioner had submitted a marriage certificate issued by an Arya Samaj temple as proof.

But the court said Arya Samaj societies misused beliefs in organising marriages, without even considering the genuineness of documents.

Since the marriage was not registered, it cannot be deemed that the parties were married only on the basis of the said certificate, the court observed.

Dharam Veer Singh, who represented the petitioner, had placed reliance upon a certificate issued by the Arya Samaj Mandir, Ghaziabad, a certificate of registration of marriage and certain photographs.

The High Court maintained that it was flooded with the marriage certificates issued by Arya Samaj societies which have been seriously questioned by this court and other High Courts.

The government counsel had submitted a first information report (FIR) lodged by the woman's father.

The Bench of Justice Saurabh Shyam Shamshery said the petitioners had other remedies available under criminal and civil laws. Hence, the present writ petition for *habeas corpus* was not maintainable.

"Also, *habeas corpus* is a prerogative writ and an extraordinary remedy. It cannot be used as a right," the court said, dismissing the petition.

Centre takes serious note of cyberattack on cricketer

Minister slams Wikipedia for allowing 'incitement efforts'

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Monday slammed Wikipedia for allowing "deliberate efforts to incitement" after cricketer Arshdeep Singh's page on the platform was edited to link him to the Khalistani movement.

"No intermediary operating in India can permit this type of misinformation and deliberate efforts to incitement and #userharm – violates our govts expectation of Safe & Trusted Internet," the Minister said in a tweet.

Mr. Chandrasekhar also attached screenshots of the altered Wikipedia page.

The 23-year-old bowler was viciously trolled on social media after he dropped a crucial catch in the match between India and Pakistan in Dubai on Sunday. India lost the match.

Arshdeep Singh

In the edited Wikipedia page, an unregistered user had replaced 'India' with 'Khalistan' at several places, while his name was changed to "Major Arshdeep Singh Bajwa". The changes were corrected and reversed later by Wikipedia editors.

Congress MP Manish Tiwari in a tweet said, "Beware of enemies of the nation who are maligning @arshdeepsinghh over a dropped catch. Pathetic is the word for them. Cricket between Indo-Pak is unfortunately more than just a match. We stand by him. He belongs to my parliamentary constituency, Sri Anandpur Sahib. #arshdeepsingh."

Punjab Sports Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer came out in support of Mr. Singh. The Aam Aadmi Party tweeted a video of Mr. Hayer speaking to Mr. Singh's mother on the phone. "The country is with Arshdeep. When he returns, I will go to receive him with you and welcome him with drums. He will come after winning the final," the tweet said.

Six-month adoption leave in Himachal Pradesh

Decision to help women employees

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet on Monday approved child adoption leave of 180 days for regular women employees of the State government.

The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting in Shimla chaired by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur. The nod was given by adopting Rule 43-B of CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972, the government said in a statement.

The Cabinet also decided to set up a 'Transport Nagar' at Solan to sort out the problem of traffic congestion.

Bhima Koregaon: NIA court rejects Navlakha's bail petition

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court on Monday rejected the bail plea of civil rights activist and journalist Gautam Navlakha, an accused in the Bhima Koregaon caste violence case of 2018.

Mr. Navlakha surrendered before the NIA office in Delhi on April 14, 2021, and is currently lodged at Taloja Central Jail. Special judge Rajesh J Katariya rejected Mr. Navlakha's bail plea.

The Bombay High Court in April rejected his plea seeking house arrest on the grounds of his ill health and poor sanitation conditions in the jail. He has been lodged in a high security cell. He is allowed a walk in open space for half an hour and has to clean his own cell.

The special NIA court had previously denied him a book written by humorist P.G. Wodehouse citing "security risk."

Rajpath to be renamed Kartavya Path

Modi to inaugurate Central Vista Avenue on September 8

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Rajpath is likely to be renamed Kartavya Path ahead of its opening on Thursday after 20 months of redevelopment, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry officials said on Monday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the redeveloped Central Vista Avenue, which has been closed to the public since January 2021, on September 8, the officials said.

While some portions of the avenue would be opened after the inauguration ceremony on Thursday evening, the entire stretch from India Gate to the Rashtrapati Bhavan was likely to be opened to the public on Friday, the officials added. According to sources, the two-km stretch that was known as Kingsway before Independence would be renamed by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) as Kartavya (duty) Path.

An NDMC source said that a Council meeting is yet to be scheduled but is likely to be held on Wednesday.

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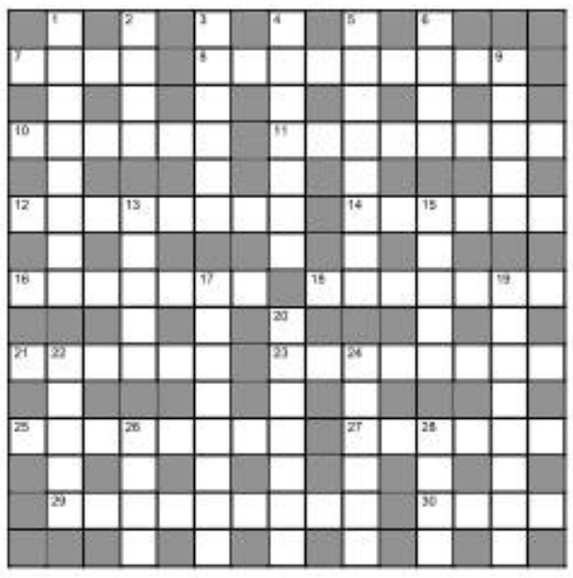

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8 After drink, in a tavern at first with a couple of bridge players, thinks carefully (9)
10 Used to be a basic ingredient, for starters, and condiment (6)
11 Short sister grabs neck awkwardly at top of spine resulting in ailment (8)
12 Real scam on island (8)
14 Foolish person from Pakistani Twitter (6)
16 Wrongly made me a dish of boiled soy bean (7)
18 Resin held by monarch is missing (7)
21 Like bird's behind (6)
23 Near insect behind one parked pushcart in the beginning (8)
25 Best quality container returned.... not Chinese! (8)
27 Nurse endlessly one fibrous connective tissue (6)
29 Photographer arrived with Nobel laureate (9)
30 Sir, I returned flower (4)

Down

1 Rogue girl associate and spy follow Virginia (8)
2 Horribly fat after devouring European cheese (4)
3 US rice cooked in voyage (6)
4 Accumulated in Panama's sedimentation (7)
5 An acting commanding officer at National Defence Academy is a snake (8)
6 Floor star hugging model (4)
9 Rice preparation from Takamatsu, Shikoku (5)
13 Count motorcades arranged in absence of winding roads (5)
15 Kyoto is redeveloped? Capital! (5)
17 Financial commentary composed in absence of Chief Minister (8)
19 Diseased crone's initial infection shows localised death of cells (8)
20 Simi consumes product of incineration in dish made of thinly sliced flesh (7)
22 Scot travelled around India showing indifference to emotion (5)
24 Clear right to use invention (6)
26 Terribly mean way to address a person (4)
28 Pin down leaders of North American Indian litigants (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13652

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Lord Siva, the rescuer

Lord Siva resides in every one of us. When we acquire jnana, He reveals Himself to us, said R. Narayanan, in a discourse. Ghee is a by-product of milk, but do we perceive it, the moment we see a glass of milk? We have to first extract butter and from butter we get ghee. Likewise, we must have bhakti and jnana, for us to be able to realise Lord Siva, who remains hidden from us, like the ghee in milk.

The lustre of a Suryakanta gemstone is seen clearly in sunlight. If we cover the stone with a piece of cotton, its brilliance is hidden. If the Sun's rays burn up the cotton covering it, then the effulgence of the stone becomes clear to us. In the same way, the atma (pasu in Saiva Siddhanta) is caught in the hold of worldly ties (pasam). A gemstone cannot by itself get rid of the cotton covering it. Only the bright rays of the Sun can burn up the cotton. Similarly, the pasu by itself cannot get rid of the pasam. Only the mercy of Lord Siva can save the pasu from pasam.

The atma is like a man caught in the depth of a river. If a man is in such a predicament, he will need someone to rescue him and bring him safely to the shore. The atma is caught in the impurities, known as malam in Saiva Siddhanta. Just as the man caught in the river requires a rescuer, so also Lord Siva, who is greater than any guru one can think of, is the only One who can rescue the atma from samsara. Upanishads, through their mahavakyas like 'aham Brahmasmi,' 'tattvamasi' etc talk of Soham. This means the state of realising "I am He." The Siddhanta mahavakya 'Shivatvamasi' and Panchakshara upadesa convey the idea of 'Shivoham', that is "I am Siva." These stages of 'Soha bhava' and 'Shivoha bhava' can be reached only through worship of Siva.

Chileans reject overhaul of Constitution

Leftist President Gabriel Boric vows to 'do everything on my part to build a new constituent itinerary'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SANTIAGO

President Gabriel Boric vowed to continue working to reform the political landscape after Chileans on Sunday emphatically rejected a proposed new Constitution to replace the one adopted during the Augusto Pinochet dictatorship.

With more than 99% of votes counted, the reject camp led with almost 62% compared to just over 38% for those in favour, in a result that exceeded the expectations of the conservative opposition.

Leftist Mr. Boric, who supported the new text, accepted the defeat but pledged to "do everything on my part to build a new constituent itinerary."

Mr. Boric said the people had demonstrated "that they want and value democracy, they are counting on it to overcome our differences and to progress."

Vote for continuity: People opposed to the draft Constitution celebrating in Santiago on Sunday. •AFP

He then called on "all political forces to put Chile ahead of any legitimate differences and agree as soon as possible on the deadlines and parameters for a new constitutional process."

The result is a far greater margin of victory than was predicted by opinion polls, which had suggested the constitution would be rejected by up to 10 percentage points.

"President Boric: this defeat is also your defeat," said far-right leader Jose Antonio Kast, an outspoken admirer of Pinochet who last December lost an election run-off to Mr. Boric.

Opponents of the constitutional change poured onto the streets, waving Chilean flags to celebrate their victory.

Although celebrating the "defeat for the refounding of Chile," Javier Macaya, president of the conservative UDI party, said his party would fulfil its commitment to work towards a new constitution.

More than 15 million people were eligible to vote in the compulsory election.

Social upheaval that began in 2019 provided the impulse to overhaul the Constitution, but the 388-article draft proved controversial and often confusing.

Welfare-based society

The proposed Constitution aimed to build a more welfare-based society, boost Indigenous rights and legalize abortion.

In October 2019, protests sprung up mostly in the capital led by students initially angered by a proposed metro fare hike.

Those demonstrations spiraled into wider discontent with the country's neoliberal economic system as well as growing inequality.

Among the chief concerns of opponents was the prominence given to the country's Indigenous peoples, who make up close to 13% of the 19 million-strong population.

Gender parity

Proposals to enshrine reproductive rights and protect the environment as well as natural resources such as water, which some say is exploited by private mining companies, had also garnered much attention.

The new Constitution would have overhauled Chile's government, replacing the Senate with a less powerful "chamber of regions," and requiring women to hold at least half of positions in public institutions.

Truss inherits an economy that is headed for recession

Inflation is at a 40-year high, driven by energy, food prices

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

New U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss inherits an economy set to enter recession before the end of the year, with double-digit inflation forecast to soar further.

With inflation at a 40-year high above 10%, fuelled by rocketing energy and food prices, Ms. Truss promised during her campaign to cut taxes.

Ms. Truss pledged also to reverse a recent increase in workers' National Insurance contributions that fund the public health service and welfare payments.

She is also proposing to axe taxes on fuel that pay for the transition to cleaner energy but she has rejected "sticking plaster" solutions to the cost-of-living crisis, such as government aid.

Liz Truss has proposed to axe taxes on fuel that pay for the transition to cleaner energy •ISTOCK

An emergency budget is expected within weeks, as the Bank of England (BoE) predicts that the U.K. will enter a year-long recession by the end of 2022.

Before then, Ms. Truss is expected to present a plan to tackle soaring energy bills.

British households are facing an eye-watering 80-percent average hike in electricity and gas bills from next month, in a dramatic worsening of the cost-of-living crisis before winter.

"Some of the promises Liz Truss has scattered on the campaign trail may flutter away once she takes office and the cold reality of the monumental crisis the government faces becomes clear," noted Susannah Streeter, senior investment and markets analyst at Hargreaves Lansdown.

Ms. Truss, 47, has backed the U.K.'s ambition to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 and favours all-out investment in energy, including controversial fracking technology where it is backed by locals. She also wants more energy to come from the North Sea and backs current policy on investment in nuclear power and renewables.

Russian court bans top newspaper

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

A Russian court on Monday stripped investigative newspaper *Novaya Gazeta*, whose chief editor last year was co-awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, of its print licence, in the latest blow to the country's independent media.

Another Moscow court on Monday jailed respected former defence reporter Ivan Safronov for 22 years on treason charges for divulging state secrets.

Russian independent media have in recent years faced unprecedented pressure, with authorities further tightening the screws since Moscow's Ukraine offensive.

Novaya Gazeta chief editor Dmitry Muratov said after the hearing that the paper will appeal the verdict, calling it "political" and "without the slightest legal basis", news website *Mediazona* reported.

'Sri Lanka won't accept external processes on war accountability'

We want to work towards consensus with all partners: Sabry

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Ahead of the UN Human Rights Chief's latest report on Sri Lanka, and a likely resolution at the coming session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, the Sri Lankan government reiterated that it would not accept any external mechanism on war-time accountability.

Addressing a media conference in Colombo on Monday, Minister of Foreign Affairs Ali Sabry said Sri Lanka "needs all partners" for its economic recovery, days after the government formalised an IMF staff-level agreement for a provisional $ 2.9 billion programme.

However, rejecting any external mechanism – as the former Rajapaksa administration too did – for accountability and justice in regard to alleged war crimes, Mr. Sabry vowed to strengthen domestic processes "within Sri Lanka's constitutional framework." "We are not interested in confrontation, we want to work towards consensus with all partners," he said, adding the government would set up a new "truth-seeking" mechanism and a secretariat to coordinate with Sri Lankan diaspora. "But external mechanism, we are not agreeable... because our Constitution does not allow that," the Minister said, without elaborating on the constitutional provisions that prohibit it.

Tamils call for justice

For over 13 years since Sri Lanka's civil war ended, concerns over grave human rights violations have lingered among Tamils. Last month, hundreds of Tamil mothers marched on the streets of the northern Kilinochchi district, marking 2,000 days of their agitation, seeking truth and justice for their loved ones who disappeared during and after the civil war.

Further, in recent years, rights advocates within Sri Lanka as well as UN experts have drawn attention to targeted attacks on the island nation's Muslim community, arrests under anti-terrorism laws to "stifle" dissent, persisting militarisation, and a shrinking space for human rights and democratic freedoms.

As part of its efforts to address long-pending concerns, the government is likely to pass an amendment Bill to trim the President's executive powers soon, the Minister said, even as critics accuse the ruling administration of pushing a "watered down" version of an old law. "Sri Lanka must use this crisis as an opportunity to reset the country... economically, socially and constitutionally," he said.

10 killed, 15 injured in Canada stabbings

Police say some were targeted, others picked at random by suspects at large

ASSOCIATED PRESS
REGINA

A series of stabbings at an indigenous community and at another town nearby in Saskatchewan left 10 people dead and 15 wounded, Canadian police said on Sunday as they searched across the expansive province for two suspects.

The stabbings took place in multiple locations on the James Smith Cree Nation and in the village of Weldon, northeast of Saskatoon, police said.

Rhonda Blackmore, the Assistant Commissioner of the RCMP in Saskatchewan, said some of the victims appear to have been targeted by the suspects but others appear to have been attacked at random. She couldn't provide a motive.

Damien Sanderson and Myles Sanderson. •REUTERS

"It is horrific what has occurred in our province today," Ms. Blackmore said, adding there were 13 crime scenes where either deceased or injured people were found.

It is among the deadliest mass killings in Canadian history. The deadliest gun rampage in Canadian history happened in 2020 when a man disguised as a police officer shot people in their homes and set fires across the province of Nova Scotia, killing 22 people. A man used a van to kill 10 pedestrians in Toronto in 2019.

Ms. Blackmore said police began receiving reports before 6 a.m. of stabbings on the First Nation community. More reports of attacks quickly followed and by midday police issued a warning that a vehicle reportedly carrying the two suspects had been spotted in Regina, about 335 km south of the communities where the stabbings occurred.

Police believe the suspects are in the city of Regina and urged residents to follow alerts and provide information if they have.

"If in the Regina area, take precautions & consider sheltering in place. Do not leave a secure location. DO NOT APPROACH suspicious persons. Do not pick up hitch hikers. Report suspicious persons, emergencies or info to 9-1-1. Do not disclose police locations," the RCMP said in a message on Twitter.

The suspects were identified as Damien Sanderson, 31, and Myles Sanderson, 30.

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers issued a wanted list last May that included Myles, writing that he was "unlawfully at large."

China's Xi to visit Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan

This will be his first trip out of China since the start of the pandemic in Jan. 2020

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

China's President Xi Jinping is likely to travel to Kazakhstan on September 14 and subsequently attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Uzbekistan on September 15-16, in what will be the Chinese leader's first trip out of China since the start of the pandemic in January 2020.

Kazakhstan's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Aibek Smadiyarov said on Monday Mr. Xi will meet with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on September 14 and sign a number of agreements, according to reports from the country.

The visit will likely be followed by Mr. Xi's attendance at the SCO Summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, which will take place on September 15 and 16. Beijing hasn't so far confirmed Mr. Xi's travel plans.

Xi Jinping

Mr. Xi hasn't left China since a visit in mid-January to Myanmar, days before the lockdown of Wuhan, where the pandemic began. Last week, the Communist Party announced that its twice-a-decade national congress will begin on October 16, marking the likely start of Mr. Xi's third term.

China remains the only country to follow a "zero COVID" policy with stringent regulations on international travel. None of the party's top leadership, the Politburo Standing Committee, have left China during the pandemic. Third-ranked leader Li Zhanshu will on Wednesday travel to Russia, Mongolia, Nepal and South Korea, which is the first such visit by the top leadership.

SCO summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russia's President Vladimir Putin have indicated their attendance at the SCO summit and are likely to meet on the sidelines. The summit in Uzbekistan has assumed particular significance for India as it will take over as chair this year and host next year's meet in New Delhi. It remains unclear if Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi will hold talks on the sidelines, amid the on-going Line of Actual Control (LAC) stand-off. Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi have not met since November 2019 in the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Brasilia, coming a month after the "informal" summit in Mamallapuram. Both leaders are also likely to cross paths at the G20 summit in Indonesia in mid-November.

In recent weeks, India has conveyed to China that it cannot accept normalcy in ties as long as the situation along the LAC remains disturbed.

The Chinese military, which Mr. Xi heads, has dragged its feet in slow-moving negotiations to restore the status quo prior to the April 2020 transgressions.

Kenya SC upholds Ruto's presidential win

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NAIROBI

Kenya's Supreme Court on Monday upheld William Ruto's victory in the August 9 presidential election, capping weeks of uncertainty as weary citizens voiced relief over a peaceful conclusion to the prolonged political process.

"This is a unanimous decision. The petitions are hereby dismissed, as a consequence we declare the first respondent (Ruto) as President-elect," Chief Justice Martha Koome said.

The verdict dealt a blow to challenger Raila Odinga, who had alleged fraud and filed a petition against the poll outcome, which saw Deputy President Mr. Ruto managing to scrape a victory by a margin of less than two percentage points in a tightly-fought race.

Although voting day passed off peacefully, observers feared that the disputed outcome could fuel violence in a country with a history of post-poll unrest.

Mr. Ruto struck a conciliatory note, promising to extend "a hand of brotherhood" to his rivals.

Strong earthquake in southwest China kills 46

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BEIJING

At least 46 people were killed when a strong earthquake struck southwestern China on Monday, state media reported, as violent tremors in a remote region damaged homes and disrupted electricity.

The magnitude 6.6 earthquake hit about 43 km southeast of the city of Kangding in Sichuan province at a depth of 10 km, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said that 17 people died in Ya'an city, while 29 deaths were reported in neighbouring Ganzi Prefecture.

Meanwhile, tremors shook buildings in the provincial capital of Chengdu – where millions are confined to their homes under a strict COVID-19 lockdown – and in the nearby megacity of Chongqing, residents said.

Hundreds of rescue workers were dispatched to the epicentre, CCTV reported, alongside footage showing trucks with firefighters navigating a highway littered with rocks and other debris.

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Eligible printers may offer their bidding up to **5.30 PM on 13.09.2022**. Tender document is made available in e-portal as well as department website.

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"SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION"
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The tender invited under this office Notification No: This Office Tender Notification No: KNNL/ KPD/KNP/ KBDS/ CTY/TND/2022-23/842 & 843 Date: 03.09.2022

1.Percentage wise tender is invited from eligible A valid copy of the registration of the Firm/Company with the register of Companies. through e-procurement portal according to standard tender document rules in prescribed form on behalf of Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Bangalore. Details and Tender documents may be downloaded through website www. eproc. karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam and last date for bids submission through e-portal is on dated 13.09.2022 till 12.00 PM for the following works.

SL No 1 Name of Work : Consultancy services for Detailed Investigation, Survey and Preparation of Designs, Drawings, Estimates and Detailed Project Report for construction of Kalasa Nala Diversion Scheme (Lift Scheme) to augment storage of Malaprabha Dam including Liaisoning with various Directorates of CWC for obtaining CWC approval. (W.I. No. 33813) Amount put to tender (In Lakhs) 381.34

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2. The Pre-bid Meeting will be held in the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division Khanapur on 09.09.2022 at 11.00hrs 3. The Technical Bid will be opened on :14.09.2022 at 3:00 hrs at the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur 4.The Financial Bid will be opened after approval to the financial bid at the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur 5. Name of the Division for Contact: Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur – 591302 (Ph. No. 08336 – 222163). 6. For further details such as, EMD amount, time limit, cost of tender form, eligibility for work, terms and conditions of tender visit our website www.knnlindia.com or contact the EE, KPD, Khanapur during office hours on any working day. Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender reserves the right of cancelling / rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever. 7.Further information can be had from the under signed during the office hours on telephone 08336-222163 and HP company helpline (080)25501216.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur

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MARKET WATCH

	05-09-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,246	0.75
US Dollar	79.78	0.11
Gold	50,985	0.50
Brent oil	95.27	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	850.90	-1.05
Apollo Hosp	4282.55	-29.80
Asian Paints	3424.80	-6.25
Axis Bank	756.10	5.90
Bajaj Auto	3956.65	-74.25
Bajaj Finserv	17376.10	46.85
Bajaj Finance	7196.20	5.85
Bharti Airtel	740.40	5.40
BPCL	324.75	2.80
Britannia Ind	3662.60	-41.65
Cipla	1025.65	10.05
Coal India	231.60	2.30
Divis Lab	3592.75	-5.40
Dr Reddys Lab	4214.25	24.30
Eicher Motors	3400.50	-21.60
Grasim Ind	1710.75	22.85
HCL Tech	936.00	11.55
HDFC	2456.25	11.90
HDFC Bank	1495.05	9.55
HDFC Life	573.65	-1.20
Hero MotoCorp	2842.05	16.90
Hindalco	429.30	14.40
Hind Unilever	2600.60	-3.00
ICICI Bank	882.45	10.05
Indusind Bank	1108.00	7.25
Infosys	1461.30	8.30
ITC	328.85	5.70
JSW Steel	681.95	20.55
Kotak Bank	1937.90	19.05
L&T	1968.35	27.85
M&M	1320.55	4.60
Maruti Suzuki	8950.05	30.45
Nestle India Ltd.	19259.70	-102.10
NTPC	164.50	2.70
ONGC	133.40	0.65
PowerGrid Corp	223.40	-0.80
Reliance Ind	2569.80	39.30
SBI Life	1293.40	5.20
State Bank	538.90	2.20
Shree Cement	21293.65	205.25
Sun Pharma	884.60	15.05
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	837.45	3.75
Tata Motors	459.00	-2.75
Tata Steel	106.90	1.40
TCS	3133.40	3.00
Tech Mahindra	1065.05	8.65
Titan	2627.35	14.75
UltraTech Cement	6521.95	-55.55
UPL	746.85	1.05
Wipro	405.50	-2.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 05

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.64	79.96
Euro	78.98	79.30
British Pound	91.65	92.02
Japanese Yen (100)	56.68	56.91
Chinese Yuan	11.49	11.54
Swiss Franc	81.11	81.44
Singapore Dollar	56.71	56.95
Canadian Dollar	60.56	60.83
Malaysian Ringitt	17.72	17.81
Australian Dollar	54.09	54.32

Source:Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

Sembcorp to sell unit to Tanweer for ₹11,700 cr.

HYDERABAD

Singapore's Sembcorp Industries is selling independent power producer Sembcorp Energy India Ltd. to Oman's Tanweer Infrastructure Pte. Ltd. for ₹11,700 crore SEIL operates two supercritical coal-fired plants totalling 2.6 GW.

Western Digital unveils 22TB CMR hard drive

NEW DELHI

Western Digital said it has started shipping its new 22TB CMR (conventional magnetic recording) hard disk drives in India as it looks to expand business in the country. "The drives will help customers to efficiently store and access huge volumes of data," Jaganathan Chelliah, Senior Director – Marketing, India,Middle East & TIA, said.

Services PMI flags rebound in August

Business sentiment in India recovers to best level since May 2018, S&P Global's sectoral survey shows

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

The services sector rebounded in August from a four-month low in July and created the most jobs in 14 years as input cost pressures eased to the slowest pace in 11 months, as per S&P Global India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which expanded to 57.2 last month, from July's 55.5.

While overall new orders increased for services firms sharply from July, transport, information and communication reported a faster spurt in new business as well as output, with finance and insurance outperforming all other sub-sectors.

August's higher growth accompanied by decelerating input costs, lifted sentiment among services firms surveyed by S&P Global, as they revised upwards their forecasts for output levels a year from now, taking overall optimism to the highest level seen since May 2018.

Adding jobs: Private sector jobs expanded the most in more than 14 years driven by the service economy. • K. MURALI KUMAR

In July, the PMI survey had indicated that only 5% of companies expected output growth in the year ahead, compared with 9% in June, when the index had hit an 11-year high of 59.2.

While consumer services faced the highest input cost inflation, transport, information and communication services recorded the fastest rise in selling prices, said Ms. Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

"With demand showing considerable resilience, service providers maintained a degree of pricing power and lifted selling prices amid the transfer of cost increases to customers," she noted, adding that the rate at which service providers passed on higher charges to customers was broadly similar to July.

Compelled to increase prices to protect their margins from cost pressures, firms lifted selling prices with some signalling that their price revisions were backed by 'accommodative demand conditions', with buyers willing to pay more.

Outstanding business volumes rose at the fastest pace in 18 months in August, taking the sequence of accumulation to eight months.

Composite index climbs

With the manufacturing PMI reflecting strong growth in new orders and output, the Composite PMI Output Index rose to 58.2 from 56.6. The rate of inflation faced by manufacturing and services firms combined, hit a 19-month low.

"New work intakes increased at quicker rates in the manufacturing and service sectors, leading to the fastest upturn at the composite level for nine months. Indian private sector jobs expanded to the greatest extent in over 14 years... driven by a substantial acceleration in growth across the service economy," S&P Global said.

Preventive measures: The high forex reserves is among the steps taken to safeguard the banking system, says Das. • AFP

'Banks healthy enough to brave foreign headwinds'

Das cites steps taken by RBI, Centre

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The banking system is healthy enough to withstand any negative spillovers from external headwinds emanating from the Jackson Hole speech by the U.S. Federal Reserve chairman, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Monday.

Addressing the annual gathering of the Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (Fimmda), Mr. Das said, the central bank and government had taken enough measures, such as maintaining high forex reserves ($561 billion as of August 26) and other steps to keep the banking system healthy enough to withstand external headwinds.

'Markets very volatile'

Since the Jackson Hole summit last week, markets worldwide had become extremely volatile and uncertain with highly destabilising effects on emerging markets, Mr. Das said but pointed out that the aforementioned measures had ensured that the health of the banking system was sound enough to weather any negative spillovers from external headwinds.

The Reserve Bank of India Governor also forecast better days on the inflation front, saying he expected the consumer price index to cool off from the second half and moderate further from the fourth quarter.

'Close watch on rupee'

On the rupee, which has weathered the storm since the U.S. started raising rates and has been one of the best performing emerging market units, he assured that the central bank was there in the market every day so as to prevent excess volatility in the rupee and also to anchor expectations around its depreciation.

"Avoiding undue and excessive volatility is a desirable policy objective for all stakeholders, while reaping the benefits of a market determined exchange rate regime," he said.

On monetary policy, he said going forward the policy would be watchful, nimble-footed and calibrated.

Mr. Das said the RBI's regulatory model was to adapt to the fast-changing market conditions and one such response had been to introduce G-Secs with 2, 5, 10, 13, 14, 30 and 40-year tenors.

The RBI Governor also said the central bank and the government were working on issuing sovereign green bonds.

August coal output stays below estimate at 58 MT

India set a target to produce 67.9 MT

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India produced 58.33 million tonnes (MT) of coal in August, missing its target of 67.94 MT for the month, according to government data.

The coal production target for August was 67.94 million tonnes (MT), according to the government's monthly statistics (provisional).

However, the production last month rose by 8.27% to 58.33 MT from 53.88 MT in the year-earlier period.

India's coal output in the first five months of FY23 increased to 324.39 MT as against 263.97 MT in the April-August period of the previous fiscal.

The total dispatch of coal also increased by 5.41% to 63.43 MT in August.

Amid rising demand, the supply of coal to power utilities grew by 10.84% to 54.09 MT during August compared to 48.80 MT in the same month last fiscal.

The overall power generation last month was 3.14% higher than that of August last fiscal. Coal-based power generation in August stood at 85,785 MU in comparison with 86,039 MU in July this fiscal, registering a minor drop of 0.3%.

Europe heading for recession as cost-of-living crisis deepens

Euro slips below 99 cents as Russia keeps gas supply shut

REUTERS
LONDON

The Euro zone is almost certainly entering a recession, with surveys on Monday showing a deepening cost-of-living crisis and a gloomy outlook that is keeping consumers wary of spending.

While there was some easing of price pressures, according to the surveys, they remained high and the European Central Bank is under pressure as inflation is running at more than four times its 2% target, reaching a record 9.1% last month.

It faces the prospect of raising interest rates aggressively just as the economy enters a downturn.

A rise in borrowing costs would add to the woes of indebted consumers, yet in a Reuters poll last week almost half of the economists surveyed said they expect an unprecedented 75 basis-point rate hike from the ECB this week, while almost as many forecast a 50 bps hike.

Despite those expectations, the euro dropped below 99 U.S. cents for the first time in 20 years on Monday after Russia said gas supply down its main pipeline to Europe would stay shut indefinitely.

Gas prices soared as much as 30% on Monday, stoking fears of shortages and reinforcing expectations for a recession and a bitter winter as businesses and households are battered by sky-high energy prices.

S&P Global's final composite PMI fell to an 18-month low of 48.9 in August, from July's 49.9, below a preliminary 49.2 estimate.

"The PMI surveys signal that the euro area is entering recession earlier than we previously thought," said Peter Schaffrik at the Royal Bank of Canada.

NTT Data Payment bags RBI licence

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

NTT Data Payment Services India, an end-to-end payment service provider, said it has received an in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for payment-aggregator (PA) licence.

"This significant development brings us closer to our vision, that is, to develop NTT Data Payment Services India as one of the top three payment service providers in the country through better services and superior products," said Dewang Neralla, chief executive officer of NTT Data Payment Services.

CVs may perform well in FY23: Tata Motors' Wagh

'Consumption seeing steady growth'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Tata Motors said it is expecting the commercial vehicle (CV) industry to perform well this fiscal after two years of downturn, with an upturn in demand across all segments.

Moreover, consumption is also witnessing continuous growth leading to good demand conditions, executive director Girish Wagh said while unveiling a range of trucks here.

The company on Monday introduced 14 trucks and tippers that run on diesel and CNG, including 'India's first' CNG-powered Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicle (M&HCV).

"We are bound to gain volume and market share and the new range will be delivered within two to six weeks of booking," said Rajesh Kaul, VP, Head Sales and Marketing, Commercial Vehicle Business Unit.

(With PTI inputs)

Demand for trucks, buses reviving: DICV

N. ANAND
CHENNAI

The medium and heavy commercial vehicle (M&HCV) segment is likely to witness a 50% jump in sales volume during calendar year 2022 following a revival in demand in the last couple of months, said Satyakam Arya, MD & CEO, Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV).

Asserting that the sales of medium and heavy trucks and buses between January and August 2022 were seeing strong growth, Mr. Arya, however, said that this was still short of the 'peak' sales witnessed in 2018.

Car makers may skip 'bumper offers' this festive season

Industry sees rise in demand that is likely to outpace supply

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

Buyers looking for exciting discounts and offers on new automobile purchases during the festival season this year are likely to be disappointed as the demand for new cars is anticipated to exceed the supply.

The industry expects limited discounts and offers, largely for vehicles seeing low demand such as those in the entry level hatchback segment, with the waiting period for popular models averaging at about 3-4 months across brands.

"The demand trend seems to be strong," said Shashank Srivastava, senior ED (Marketing & Sales), Maruti Suzuki India. "However, going forward, it [sales] depends on how production pans out against the underlying demand and the chip shortage, which has become much better," he added.

"There could be some models where the production is better and the demand steady, or not very strong. Those can probably see a certain discount," Mr. Srivastava said, adding that sales promotion for Maruti Suzuki models was unlikely as the company had huge pending bookings.

Manish Raj Singhania, president of the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), said the demand for passenger vehicles was "very good" and was helped by the slew of new offerings.

According to industry officials, consumers might get discounts in the range of ₹20,000 to ₹40,000, depending on the model and trim, besides finance schemes and exchange bonus benefits.

SPORT

LIVE TELECAST

Australia vs New Zealand: 1st ODI, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9.50 a.m.

Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

US Open: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), Six & LIV, 9.30 p.m. onwards

Champions League: Sony Ten 1, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

IN BRIEF

Jemimah nominated for ICC award

DUBAI

Jemimah Rodrigues was on Monday nominated for the ICC Player of the Month award for her impressive performance at the Commonwealth Games. The nominations in the women's category also feature gold medal-winning Australian duo of Beth Mooney and Tahlia McGrath. England's Ben Stokes, Sikandar Raza of Zimbabwe and New Zealander Mitchell Santner are the nominees in the men's category. PTI

Rain forces cancellation of Division-A matches

India was scheduled to play Australia in its opener

BASKETBALL

K. KEERTHIVASAN
BENGALURU

Heavy rains that lashed the city forced the cancellation of play on the first day of the FIBA Asian u-18 women's basketball championship (Division-A) at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium on Monday.

India was scheduled to take on Australia, ranked No. 2 in the world.

Rooms in the stadium were also affected and the organisers were working hard to ensure matches start on time on Tuesday.

K. Govindaraj and Chander Mukhi Sharma, president and secretary of the Basketball Federation of India respectively, inspected the venue.

Remedial work: Organising staff clearing the waterlog at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium on Monday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

A release from the world body FIBA said: "The games at the FIBA u-18 Women's Asian Championship Division A on Sept. 5 will be rescheduled due to heavy rains in the area the previous day causing leaks in the competition venue. The games will be played on Sept. 6."

The results: Div.-B: Mongolia 68 (Namuundari Namkhainyambuu 16, Bolor Erdene Battsooj 21) bt Hong Kong 37; Philippines 65 (Kate Colyn Bobadilla 22, Kristan Geyl Yumul 10) bt Thailand 50 (Laksamee Hewchaiyaphum 10)..

RACING

Fire Power edges out Saffron Art to claim Totaram's Cup

HYDERABAD: The four-year-old gelding Fire Power, ridden by P. Ajeeth Kumar, won the Totaram's Cup in a close finish from Saffron Art, the chief event of Monday's (Sept. 5) races. The winner is owned by Col. S.B. Nair & Miss. Ameeta Mehra. L.V.R. Deshmukh trains the winner.

1. BELAGER PLATE (1,400m) (Terms), 3-y-o & upward (Cat. II): **WATCH MY STRIDE** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Stunning Force (Suraj Narredu) 2, Soloist (M. Madhu Babu) 3 and Trump Star (A.A. Vikrant) 4. 1, 2-1/2 and 1. 1m, 26.16s. ₹19 (w), 10, 15 and 22 (p). SHP: 31, THP: 67, SHW: 14 and 19, FP: 47, Q: 28, Tanala: 239. Favourite: Watch My Stride. Owners: Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni & Mr. P. Prabhakar Reddy. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

2. CHAITANYA CHAKRAM PLATE (1,400m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II): **SHAH OF IRAN** (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Mr. Perfect (G. Naresh) 2, Humanitarian (Suraj Narredu) 3 and Resurgence (Surya Prakash) 4. 3-1/4, 1/2 and 2. 1m, 27.46s. ₹782 (w), 66, 56 and 11 (p). SHP: 180, THP: 49, SHW: 192 and 84, FP: 9,751 Q: 3,231, Tanala: 55,525. Favourite: Humanitarian. Owners: Mr. Mir Saqafath Ali Khan & Mr. G. Raghunandan Chary. Trainer: Raza Shehzad.

3. MAKALU PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **BEST BUDDY** (Nakhat Singh) 1, Fly Tothe Stars (Afroz Khan) 2, Southern Act (Md. Ismail) 3 and Team Player (Gaurav Singh) 4. 1, 1-1/2 and 2-1/4. 1m, 40.54s. ₹16 (w), 11, 13 and 14 (p). SHP: 46, THP: 40, SHW: 13 and 23, FP: 61, Q: 53, Tanala: 137. Favourite: Best Buddy. Owner: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

4. ASAF JAH VII MEMORIAL CUP (2,000m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **PRINCESS DAKA** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Icicle (A.A. Vikrant) 2, Wallop And Gallop (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Just Incredible (Kuldeep Singh) 4. 3/4, 2 and 5. 2m, 5.73s. ₹14 (w), 10, 12 and 20 (p). SHP: 30, THP: 41, SHW: 12 and 19, FP: 35, Q: 27, Tanala: 130. Favourite: Princess Daka. Owner: Mr. Y. Damodar. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

5. TOTARAM'S CUP (1,800m), rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II): **FIRE POWER** (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Saffron Art (Kiran Naidu) 2, Falcon Edge (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Ashwa Raudee (D.S. Deora) 4. Nose, 2 and 4-3/4. 1m, 53.36s. ₹31 (w), 18 and 28 (p). SHP: 48, THP: 52, SHW: 13 and 34, FP: 213, Q: 162, Tanala: 415. Favourite: Falcon Edge.

Owners: Col. S.B. Nair & Miss. Ameeta Mehra. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

6. GREEN HAVEN PLATE (1,200m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III): **FLAMINGO FAME** (Suraj Narredu) 1, My Master (Gaurav Singh) 2, Horse O'War (G. Naresh) 3 and Sea Of Class (Kuldeep Singh) 4. Arba Wahed Arba. 1-1/2, Nk and 1/2. 1m, 15.03s. ₹20 (w), 14, 14 and 25 (p). SHP: 53, THP: 70, SHW: 23 and 31, FP: 110, Q: 65, Tanala: 1,353. Favourite: Flamingo Fame. Owners: Mr. Sanjay R. Goyani & Mr. S. Prasad Raju. Trainer: N. Rawal.

7. MANCHERIAL PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **BLACK ONYX** (D.S. Deora) 1, The Sensation (Ashad Asbar) 2, Battle Ready (Rafique Sk.) 3 and Hot Seat (Akshay Kumar) 4. 2-1/4, 2-3/4 and 3. 1m, 12.95s. ₹29 (w), 14, 15 and 28 (p). SHP: 39, THP: 67, SHW: 14 and 19, FP: 84, Q: 48, Tanala: 601. Favourite: The Sensation. Owner: Mr. Rajeev Sharma. Trainer: Magan Singh.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹981 (592 tkts.) and 30%: 99 (2,507 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot : (i) 4,686 (15 tkts.), (ii) 802 (173 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 3,051 (16 tkts.), (ii) 295 (200 tkts.).

Arjun Maini finishes second

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
HOCKEINHEIM

India's Mercedes-AMG driver Arjun Maini, along with Hubert Haupt and Florian Scholze of team HRT, finished second in the gold class category at the Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe here on Monday.

The race witnessed several interventions of safety cars, and at one point, the No. 5 car of which Arjun was a part, slipped to sixth. Arjun did the last one-hour stint which is normally done by a gold class driver.

India takes on upbeat Sri Lanka

Men in Blue must put the debacle against Pakistan behind them and move on

ASIA CUP

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

There is no two ways about it – Arshdeep Singh's dropped catch cost India dear against Pakistan in their Super 4 match here on Sunday.

Having said that, it must be accepted that gaffes – even the most comical, humiliating – can happen to the best in professional sport.

For Arshdeep and the Indian team, it is time to forget the past and look ahead. The focus shifts to a fixture against Sri Lanka here on Tuesday, one that is crucial to India's hopes of qualifying to the final.

The best way for Arshdeep – he put down a dolly offered by Asif Ali – to get over the heartache would be to turn in a good performance against the Lankans. In the meantime, the young pacer is sure to receive some tender loving care from those around him.

Gaffe and beyond: Arshdeep is sure to receive some tender loving care from Rohit & Co. after dropping a dolly against Pakistan. •AP

Arshdeep can take comfort from the fact that he is by no means the first cricketer to make a big mistake. Even Virat Kohli has faced these dark times in the past.

"Anyone can make a mistake under pressure. When I played my first game against Pakistan in the Champions Trophy, I got out to Shahid Afridi playing a very bad shot. I could not sleep; I stared at the room ceiling until 5 a.m. I thought my career was over... You must accept the mistake, address it and even look forward to being in the same pressure situation the next time," Kohli said.

India will be pleased that Kohli has found some runs in this campaign. With two successive fifties, Kohli is showing signs of regaining his touch. K.L. Rahul adopted an attacking approach on Sunday, an improvement over his scratchy stint in the Hong Kong game.

The team combination continues to pose a challenge. Axar Patel, a like-for-like replacement for Ravindra Jadeja, did not feature against Pakistan.

India drafted Ravi Bishnoi in, as the second leg-spinner alongside Yuzvendra Chahal. Rishabh Pant was picked as the wicketkeeper-batter ahead of Dinesh Karthik, despite the latter having faced just one delivery in this tournament.

Batter Deepak Hooda got a game, while in the absence of the indisposed Avesh Khan, all-rounder Hardik Pandya was slotted as the third seamer.

It did not help that fast bowler Bhuvneshwar Kumar had an off day, conceding 40 runs in his four overs. Chahal and Hardik were expensive as well. It remains to be seen if more changes in the playing eleven are in the offing, despite head coach Rahul Dravid's assertion that the period of experimentation is over.

Sri Lanka, meanwhile, enters this fixture on the back of a four-wicket win over Afghanistan on Saturday.

Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis, Danushka Gunathilaka and Bhanuka Rajapkasa made handy contributions as the side chased down 176 with five balls to spare. In Maheesh Theekshana and Wanindu Hasaranga, Sri Lanka boasts of two premier spinners.

The teams (from):
India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Deepak Hooda, Hardik Pandya, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Ravi Bishnoi, Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Dinesh Karthik, Avesh Khan, Axar Patel and R. Ashwin.
Sri Lanka: Dasun Shanaka (Capt.), Danushka Gunathilaka, Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis, Charith Asalanka, Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Ashen Bandara, Dhananjaya de Silva, Wanindu Hasaranga, Maheesh Theekshana, Jeffrey Vandersay, Praveen Jayawickrama, Chamika Karunaratne, Dilshan Madushanka, Matheesha Pathirana, Nuwanidu Fernando and Dinesh Chandimal.

TODAY'S MATCH
SUPER 4
India vs. **Sri Lanka**
Dubai, 7:30 p.m. IST

Suggestions given in front of the world have no value: Kohli

'When I left Test captaincy, I got a message from only one person with whom I have played previously — Dhoni'

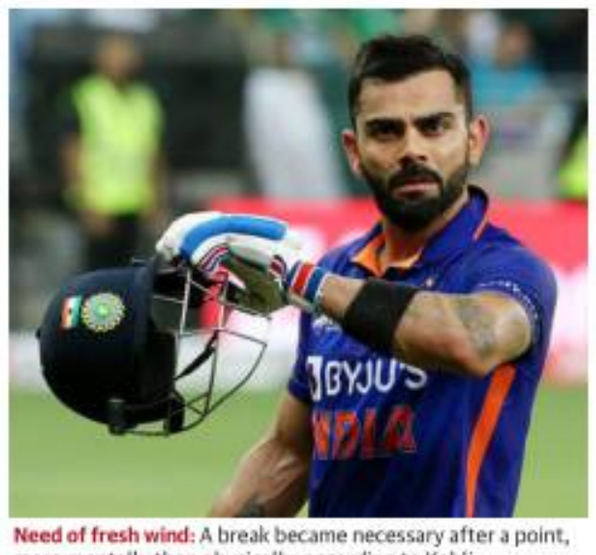
AYAN ACHARYA
DUBAI

If you were starting a podcast on Indian cricket and wanted to choose a subject that alienates as many people as it attracts, you would be hard-pressed to beat Virat Kohli.

To some, he has much more to offer as a modern-day great; to others, he is now past his prime.

But Kohli is starting to find a second wind. His 44-ball 60 against Pakistan on Sunday, though in a losing cause, was quintessentially Kohli. The Dubai crowd also got behind him, shouting, "Kohli! Kohli! Kohli!"

However, according to the man himself, sometimes, amidst this din, "you get lost in your identity and lose affection for the sport – the joy disappears."



Need of fresh wind: A break became necessary after a point, more mentally than physically, according to Kohli. •REUTERS

Frank and honest

In Sunday's post-match media interaction, Kohli's general tone was one of frankness and honesty as he opened up about his struggles with mental health and how he dealt with quitting Test captaincy earlier this year.

"When I left Test captaincy, I got a message from only one person, with whom I have played previously – that was Dhoni," Kohli said. "On TV, people give suggestions, but whoever had my number, no one sent me a message.

"That respect you have for anyone is genuine, and it shows in this manner because there is security at both ends. Neither was [Dhoni] insecure of me nor was I insecure of him. If I want to say anything to anyone, I reach out to that person individually.

"If you give the suggestions in front of the world, it has no value for me. If it is for my improvement, you could talk with me one-on-one. I live life with a lot of honesty, so I see such things. Until I am worthy of playing, I will play like this only."

Before this Asia Cup, Kohli had played only four T20Is since the last T20 World Cup. He also had an average season with Royal Challengers Bangalore in IPL 2022. And according to Kohli, after a point, the break "became necessary".

"More mentally than physically. I didn't think I'd go a month without touching my bat," he said. "Then you realise when you bat again after a month why you started playing the game. It was important to rediscover that. When I'm happy in my space, I know what I can do for the team. If I am in a bad space, it is neither good for the team nor for me. There is nothing wrong with taking a break. I'm having fun playing cricket again, which was the most important thing for me."

Kohli has now made two half-centuries and is currently the second-highest scorer in the tournament with 154 runs at a strike rate of 126.22. About dealing with his critics, Kohli said: "I've never paid attention to these things [criticism], to be honest," he said. "I've played for 14 years; it doesn't happen by chance. My job is to work hard on my game, something I'm always keen to do.

"Our job is to play the game, work hard, give our 120%, and what happens in the change room is the only thing that matters to us and to me as well personally."

Apeksha will be the star attraction

Y.B. SARANGI
GUWAHATI

In the absence of some top swimmers, Olympian Maana Patel and the promising Apeksha Fernandes will be among the star attractions in the 75th National aquatics championships starting at the Dr. Zakir Hussain Aquatic Complex here on Tuesday.

Olympians Srihari Nataraj and Sajan Prakash and CWG participants Advait Page and Kushagra Rawat, who is doing his rehab, are among the leading names skipping the event.

South Asian Games medallists Anshul Kothari, S. Siva, up-and-coming Aryan Panchal and local attraction Bikram Changmai would be among the leading male swimmers competing here.

All eyes will be on Apeksha, who emerged as the 'Best Swimmer' among women in the last edition in Bengaluru and set five new meet records in the National junior championships at Bhubaneswar in July last.

It will be interesting to see whether Apeksha – who recently became the first Indian woman to make it to the final of an event (200m butterfly) in the World junior championships in Lima, Peru – is able to give her best.

World Championships participant Siddharth Pardesi and young talent London Singh would be in focus in diving.

Water polo event here will serve as the basis for the selection of the Indian men's side for the Asian water polo championships to be held in Thailand from Nov. 7 to 13.

Rajasthan United, Chennaiyin qualify

Former beats Navy while the latter downs NEROCA

DURAND CUP

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

Rajasthan United FC produced two late goals to beat Indian Navy 2-0 in the concluding Group B league match of the 131st Durand Cup football tournament and qualify for the knockout stage.

The win helped the I-League side tally seven points from four matches and finish tied with ATK Mohun Bagan for the second spot. However, Rajasthan pipped the Kolkata giant on better head-to-head record.

Rajasthan scored in the 73rd minute through Lebanese forward Youssef Atriss before doubling the lead 16 minutes later.

Chennaiyin FC also booked a place in the knockouts as it downed home favourite NEROCA FC 2-0 in the concluding Group C match in Imphal. Chennaiyin went ahead in the 15th minute through a goal from captain Anirudh Thapa. In the 71st, Iranian Vafa Hakhamaneshi nodded home a free-kick from Thapa.

On the double: Chennaiyin scored once in each half to book a last-eight meeting with Mumbai City. •CHENNAIYIN FC

The results:

Group B: Rajasthan United 2 (Atriss 73, Barboza 89) bt Indian Navy 0; **Group C:** NEROCA FC 0 lost to Chennaiyin FC 2 (Thapa 15, Hakhamaneshi 71).

The schedule: Quarterfinals: Sept. 9: Mohammedan vs Blasters; **Sept. 10:** Bengaluru vs Odisha; **Sept. 11:** Mumbai City vs Chennaiyin; **Sept. 12:** Rajasthan United vs Hyderabad.

Semifinals: Sept. 14: Winner QF 1 vs Winner QF 3; **Sept. 15:** Winner QF 2 vs Winner QF 4.

Final: Sept. 18.

Kyrgios packs off defending champion Medvedev

Gauff battles past Zhang, will meet Garcia for a place in the semifinals; Rublev and Pegula advance

U.S. OPEN

REUTERS
NEW YORK

Daniil Medvedev's U.S. Open title defence evaporated in front of a packed crowd at the Arthur Ashe Stadium as he lost in four sets to Australia's Nick Kyrgios, while American teenager Coco Gauff kept home hopes alive after seeing off Zhang Shuai on Sunday.

Kyrgios, Wimbledon finalist this year, has recorded the most wins on Tour since the end of the French Open and continued the finest season of his career with a 7-6 (11) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over Medvedev in a blockbuster fourth-round clash.

"I'm really glad to finally show the work. It took me 27 years," said Kyrgios, who will take on Karen Khachanov.

"If (Kyrgios) plays like this till end of the tournament, he has all the chances to win it," said Medvedev, who will lose his World No. 1 ranking after his defeat.

Khachanov beat 12th seed Pablo Carreno Busta 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 to reach his third Major quarterfinal and the first in New York.

Kyrgios' compatriot Ajla Tomljanovic also made the quarterfinals of the women's draw after a gritty straight-set victory over Liudmila Samsonova.

Rising star Gauff, 18, battled to a 7-5, 7-5 win over China's Zhang and will play the in-form Caroline Garcia for a place in the semifinals after the Frenchwoman beat Alison Riske-Amritraj 6-4, 6-1.

Tunisian fifth seed Ons Jabeur, runner-up at Wimbledon, extended her career-best run in New York by beating Veronika Kudermetova 7-6(1), 6-4 to set up a meeting with Tomljanovic.

On Monday, Andrey Rublev shrugged off a rain delay to breeze past Cameron Norrie and reach the quarterfinals for the third time. The ninth-seeded Russian won 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. "I played a good match," said Rublev in an on-court interview. "This is the U.S. Open, this is a Grand Slam, everyone is nervous, everyone is tight."

Jessica Pegula became the second American woman into this year's quarterfinals after brushing aside two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova 6-3, 6-2.

THE RESULTS

Fourth round: Men: 23-Kyrgios (Aus) bt 1-Medvedev 7-6(11), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; 27-Khachanov bt 12-Carreno Busta (Esp) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; 13-Berrettini (Ita) bt Davidovich Fokina (Esp) 3-6, 7-6(2), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; 5-Ruud (Nor) bt Moutet (Fra) 6-1, 6-2, 6-7(4), 6-2; 9-Rublev bt 7-Norrie (G.Br.) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Women: 12-Gauff (USA) bt Shuai (Chn) 7-5, 7-5; 17-Garcia (Fra) bt 29-Riske-Amritraj (USA) 6-4, 6-1; 5-Jabeur (Tun) bt 18-Kudermetova 7-6(1), 6-4; Tomljanovic (Aus) bt Samsonova 7-6(8), 6-1; 8-Pegula (USA) bt 21-Petra Kvitova (Cze) 6-3, 6-2.

Serving it up: Kyrgios got past Medvedev in four sets. •AFP

Tilak Varma — a big hope for all formats

The 19-year-old batted with poise and displayed a range of strokes against NZ-A

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
BENGALURU

The world saw a glimpse of Tilak Varma at the Under-19 World Cup in South Africa in 2020. Though he didn't set the tournament on fire – that was done by teammate Yashasvi Jaiswal – he still caught the eye with his strokeplay.

Two years on, the world saw a lot of him. And wished to see more. On one of cricket's biggest stages, the 19-year-old left-hander dazzled with his shots and impressed with his temperament.

Exciting talent: Tilak conjured up a delightful knock on his India-A debut. •K. MURALI KUMAR

MI's bright spot

In an IPL season to forget for Mumbai Indians, he proved one bright spot and one big hope for the future.

Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma, coach Mahela Jayawardene and batting legend Sunil Gavaskar were among those who praised Tilak. Rohit and Gavaskar had said he could be an all-format batter.

At the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here the past weekend, he showed what they meant. He made a splendid 121 on his India-A debut, against New Zealand-A in the first 'Test', which ended in a draw.

He batted with poise and displayed an admirable range of strokes, as he scored his maiden First Class hundred in his fifth match. "My aim is to play in whites for India," Tilak said.

"I loved my innings (here) and I want to continue (to bat) like this." He admitted he wasn't expecting to play for India-A so soon. "I was surprised when I was included in the India-A team, but it felt nice," he said.

"I am looking match to match, not far into the future. I always want to give my best to the team, regardless of the situation; that is what I have been doing in the U-16 and 19 matches or the IPL. And I get runs or hundreds like that."

He said he was a more confident player after the IPL. "That has helped my batting here," he said, adding that he also gained from working at the camp at the NCA here.

"I worked with V.V.S. Laxman, Hrishikesh Kanitkar and the support staff here. The tips from them proved useful for red-ball cricket."

Munich massacre: Germany seeks 'forgiveness'

50th anniversary ceremony held at the Fuerstenfeldbruck airfield

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MUNICH

Germany's president apologised on Monday for multiple failures by his country before, during and after the 1972 attack during the Munich Olympics as he joined his Israeli counterpart and relatives of the 11 Israeli athletes killed by Palestinian militants at the Games 50 years ago.

The anniversary ceremony at the Fuerstenfeldbruck airfield outside Munich – the scene of a botched rescue attempt that left nine of the Israeli athletes, a West German police officer and five of the assailants dead – came days after an agreement ended a long dispute over compensation. German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier and Israeli President Isaac Herzog laid wreaths at the site.

Beg your pardon: German President Steinmeier bows after laying a wreath in memory of the 11 Israeli athletes killed in the Munich attack as Israel President Herzog looks on. •AFP

"We cannot make up for what happened," Steinmeier told the victims' relatives. "That shames me."

"As this country's head of state and in the name of the Federal Republic of Germany, I seek your forgiveness for the inadequate protection of the Israeli athletes at the Munich Games and for the inadequate resolution afterward," he said.

Steinmeier noted that the Palestinian militants and their Libyan helpers were directly responsible for the killings, and said it is "very bitter that no word of sympathy, no word of regret comes from political representatives of those countries today."

IN BRIEF

India Legends faces SA in opener

The schedule for the Road Safety World Series cricket tournament was announced on Monday.

The tournament kicks-off on September 10 at Kanpur where India Legends take on South African legends.

Shabbir Dhankot in the lead

BENGALURU

Shabbir Dhankot of Tamil Nadu, with a total pinfall of 1260, finished on top at the end of the first block of six Round One games at the 31st National tenpin bowling championships here on Monday. Defending champion Akaash Ashok Kumar is in second position, trailing Shabbir by 54 pins. Ramesh Manikanta (1192) of Telangana and B.V. Ridham (1178) of Gujarat are in third and fourth positions respectively.

Former Natl. TT champion Usha passes away

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Usha. • THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Five-time women's National table tennis champion Usha Sundarraj passed away on Monday because of age-related illness. She was in her eighties.

One of Karnataka's most successful players, Usha won her first National title in 1961 and followed it up with victories in 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1968. She was conferred the prestigious Arjuna Award in 1966.

Usha played her last Nationals in 1976, ending as the runner-up, the last of her seven second-place finishes. She was the last National champion from the State until the young Archana Kamath managed the feat in 2019.

Usha also donned administrative roles, in the Table Tennis Federation of India, Sports Authority of India and Karnataka Table Tennis Association. She was also the coach of the Indian team at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games.

The Karnataka Table Tennis Association condoled Usha's death.

Anirban Lahiri finishes second

4Aces makes a three-peat of the team competition

LIV GOLF TOUR

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BOLTON (MASSCHUSETTS)

Top Indian golfer Anirban Lahiri made a memorable debut on the LIV Golf Tour by finishing second after a three-way play-off in the Boston Invitational here.

Lahiri made a big dash in the closing stages and went into the play-off alongside eventual winner Dustin Johnson and Joaquin Niemann.

Big payday

It was also one of the biggest paydays for Lahiri who won $1,182,400 and an additional $375,000 as his share from the second place in the team event.

It was Johnson's first win in the rebel series but his team 4Aces won the team competition for the third time in a row.

Lahiri in action. • AFP

Johnson holed a 60-foot eagle putt on the first play-off hole to beat Lahiri and Niemann, two of the six players making their debuts this week.

All three players finished regulation at 15 under.

The play-off was the first in either the individual or team competition in this inaugural season.

Johnson's final-round 5-under 65 was one of three counting scores for 4Aces GC to go along with Patrick Reed's 66 and Talor Gooch's 69.

Unlucky

Lahiri, playing for Crushers GC, shot a 6-under 64. Lahiri had a chance to reach 16 under with a brilliant second shot into the par-5 18th hole, but his eagle putt lipped out.

"It was really nice to just buckle down on that back nine and play some golf. Really proud of the shots I hit.

"A little unlucky but sometimes it goes that way."

Is PSG primed for success at last?

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

For Paris Saint-Germain, each season begins with the question of whether this might be its year in the Champions League, which kicks off for Kylian Mbappe and his team-mates against Juventus on Tuesday.

In a decade of trying to get its hands on the biggest prize in European club football since the transformational Qatari takeover, PSG has appeared in the final just once, losing to Bayern Munich in 2020 after the pandemic forced UEFA to innovate with a 'Final Eight' format.

Otherwise it has been regular disappointment heaped upon occasional humiliation.

PSG has spent the close season trying to ensure that this time there is no repeat, and so in came a new coach, a new man in charge of recruitment, and a clutch of new signings. Most importantly, Mbappe stayed put, turning down Real Madrid in the hope he can lead his hometown club to a first Champions League title.

All or nothing gamble

It looks like an all or nothing gamble for all parties, only increasing the pressure on PSG to deliver in Europe this season, when Lionel Messi and Neymar are still by Mbappe's side.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Ten-wkt. haul by Paras

Paras Gurbux Arya's starred with a match-haul of ten wickets (5/26 & 5/39) as Swastic Union CC (I) secured three points to Chintamani SA's one (via first-innings lead) in a drawn KSCA (Group I) first division league encounter.

The scores:

Chintamani SA 95 in 32.1 overs (Faizaan Sidiq 25, Abhishek Prabhakar 31, Paras Gurbax Arya 5/26, Shashikumar 3/41) & 147 in 58 overs (Abheet Kuthpady 40, Abhishek Prabhakar 62, Paras Gurbax Arya 5/39, R. Samarth 4/28) drew with Swastic Union CC (1) 196 in 61.1 overs (R. Samarth 28, Rohit Sabharwall 27, Bheem Rao 65, Nathan Dmello 5/77) & 39/ 1 in 6.2 overs.

Social Cricketers 212 in 65.4 overs (Sudhanwa U.Kulkarni 40, D. Avinash 80, Ritesh Bhatkal 31, A.C. Rohith Kumar 4/78) & 160 in 43.3 overs (Gautham Dileep 39, Ritesh Bhatkal 80, A.C. Rohith Kumar 6/65) drew with FUCC (1) 158 in 35.5 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 88, Shreesha S.Achar 7/63) & 41/3 in 7 overs.

Cambridge CC 405/8 in 90 overs (L.R. Chethan 57, Macneil Hadley Noronha 25, Jayesh Babu 30, Shubhang Hegde 118, Vinay N.Sagar 106, Gowtham Sagar 26, Kranthi Kumar 5/62) drew with Rajajinagar Cricketers 243/9 in 67 overs (C. Sanjay Ashwin 40, S. Shivaraj 121, Owais Ahmed Khan 3/38, B.M. Shreyas 4/71)

Modern CC 376/9 in 90 overs (Jeswanth Acharya 65, Mohammed Aqib Jawad 27, Milind Ramesh 31, Vishnu Priyan 39, Rishi Bhansali 89 n.o., Vishnu Jain 42, Pranav Bhatia 3/79) drew with BUCC (1) 241/5 in 64 overs (M. Venkatesh 30, Yashovardhan Parantap 83, Samarth Srinivas 85 n.o.).

Mount Joy CC 404 in 87.1 overs (Rohan Nayakar 113, Pareexith Okkunda 62, Akshan Rao 58, Sharath Belur Ravi 96, Abhishek Ahlawat 3/102, J. Suchith 3/58) drew with Vultures CC 278/5 in 70.2 overs (D. Nischal 123, K.L. Shrijith 31, R. Smaran 61, Anirudha A.Joshi 28 n.o., N. Pratham 4/81).

Swastic Union CC (2) 374 in 82.1 overs (Bhuvan M.Raju 91, Aaron Cyril Christie 57, S.S. Sujay 153, S. Suraj 4/109, Kushaal Mahesh Wadhwani 6/119) drew with Sir Syed Cricketers 464/3 in 69.5 overs (A. Rohan Patil 217, Shrikara 58, S.J. Nikin Jose 103 n.o., Luvnith Sisodia 66).

Daivik stars for The Bangalore Cricketers

S. Daivik's all-round effort (78 & 4/28) helped The Bangalore Cricketers defeat Visweswarapuram CC (1) by 124 runs in the KSCA (Group I) under-16 inter-club tournament.

The scores:

Bangalore Occasionals 433/4 in 50 overs (R. Shishir 199, A. Siddharth 147) bt Lions CC 161/7 in 30.0 overs (N.P. Vivek 51, Manish Benjamin John 25, Keerthan S. Shenoy 33 n.o.). [Match was interrupted by rain and target was revised to 260 in 30 overs].

Coles CC 218/9 in 50 overs (Krish Kumar Jha 38, Nikhil George 40, T.N.V. Siddharth 38, M. Pragnay 34, Pranshu J. Patel 25 n.o., Vijay Maller 4/44, A. Preetham 4/42) bt Bangalore SC 170/7 in 43 overs (R.V. Rohit 91, S. Rishabh Kumar 25). [On better run rate after rain interrupted play].

Jawahar SC (2) 152 in 33 overs (Pradhan Tejomay 49, S. Akhil 26) bt Social Cricketers 95/3 in 26 overs (Rohith Koya 35 n.o.). [On better run rate after rain interrupted play].

Neptune CC 158 in 42.1 overs (P. Ved 53, Dhruv Vasu 4/29, Sriniket L.M. Saragur 3/37) lost to FUCC (1) 161/3 in 30.1 overs (Devansh Joshi 57, Arsh Arora 50, N. Aryan 27 n.o.).

The Bangalore Cricketers 233/9 in 50 overs (Pramod Jadhav 27, L. Karthesh 31, S. Daivik 78) bt Visweswarapuram CC (1) 109 in 24.4 overs (S. Daivik 4/28).

Vijaya CC 205 in 44.4 overs (Arjun Mishra 39, T. Chinmay 89, Virat R.Ganya 3/22, R. Shashvath 3/42) lost to Mount Joy CC 186/7 in 44 overs (Syaamantak Anirudh 72, Kutam Charan Ram 37, Akshath Prabhakar 3/31). [On better run rate after rain interrupted play].

Bharath CC 151 in 44.2 overs (M. Jayan Samyog 55, D. Nishanth 3/21) lost to Jawahar SC (1) 152/3 in 23.2 overs (Abhinav Jha 33, V. Sohan 52 n.o., L. Manish 38 n.o.).

Visweswarapuram CC 117 in 39.4 overs (Sharavan Morkhandikar 27, C. Vaibhav 4/26) lost to Vultures CC 118/2 in 26 overs (J.V. Jeevan 38, N. Bhuvan Gowda 32 n.o., Anvay Dravid 26 n.o.).

Dooravani Cricketers (1) 301/5 in 50 overs (H.B. Gagandeep 149, M.P. Shashank 29, M. Shivu 66) bt Jawans CC 137/7 in 45 overs (S. Samarth Gowda 47, Sourish Rao 35). [On better run rate after rain interrupted play].

Teshub, Neeti reign

Teshub Dinesh and Neeti Agrawal emerged the under-15 boys' and girls' singles champions respectively at the M.S. Ramaiah Memorial State-ranking table tennis tournament.

The results: Under-15: Boys: Teshub Dinesh bt Ayush 11-7, 11-5, 10-12, 11-3, 7-11, 12-10; Neeti Agrawal bt Parnavi 11-3, 13-11, 10-12, 9-11, 9-11, 11-8, 12-10.

Hat-trick by Nisila

Nisila scored a hat-trick as Misaka United FC blanked Pink Panthers 5-0 in the Karnataka Women's League football here on Monday.

The results: Parikrma FC 1 (M. Devikarani 31) drew with Maatru Pratishtana 1 (Keerthana 51); Misaka United FC 5 (Simran Gurung 7, Nisila Majaw 33, 56, 89, Tanvie Hans 47) bt Pink Panthers FC 0.

Varun advances

Varun V. Kumar beat Deepak Malikarjuna 4-3 (21-36, 32-01, 26-39, 40-17, 59-13, 16-36, 24-16) in a third round match of the Karnataka State-ranking 6Red snooker tournament here on Monday.

Shreyas and Jinendra to represent India

Powering through: Shreyas, right, and Jinendra took the top two spots. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

MOTORSPORTS

SPORTS REPORTER
BENGALURU

Bengaluru's Shreyas Hareesh and Kolhapur's Jinendra Kiran Sangave qualified to represent India in the FIM MiniGP World Series Finals to be held in November in Valencia (Spain).

Shreyas (220 points) and Jinendra (213) finished first and second in the FIM MiniGP World Series India 2022 at Meco Kartopia on Sunday. In the World Finals, the two will compete with toppers of the National series held in 15 countries.

The results (all 15 laps): Round-4: Race-1: 1. Shreyas Hareesh (Bengaluru) (16m 08.090s); 2. Jinendra Kiran Sangave (Kolhapur) (16:40.592); 3. Rakshith S. Dave (Chennai) (16:46.509).

Race-2: 1. Shreyas (16:05.533); 2. Jinendra (16:06.095); 3. Nandanan Mahendran (Chennai) (16:37.833).

Final standings (top-3): 1. Shreyas (220 points); 2. Jinendra (213); 3. Nandanan (153).

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